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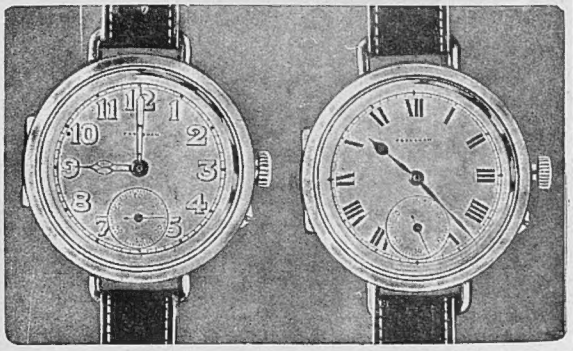

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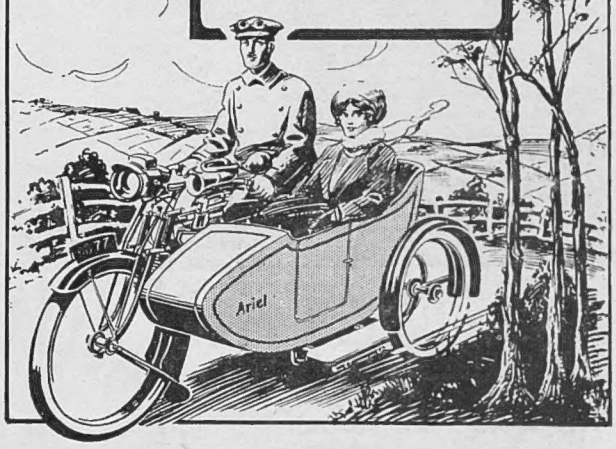

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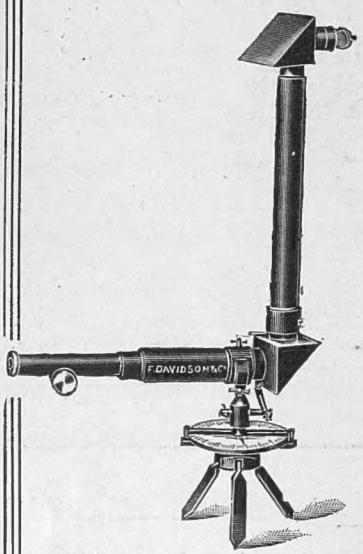

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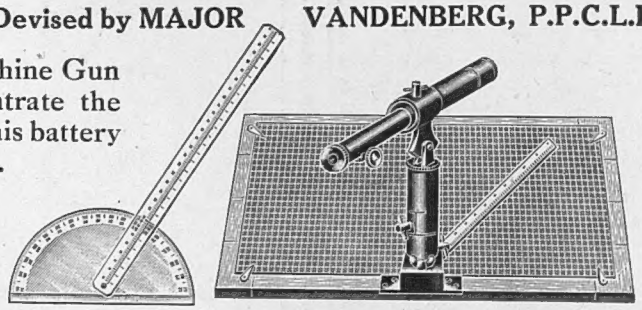

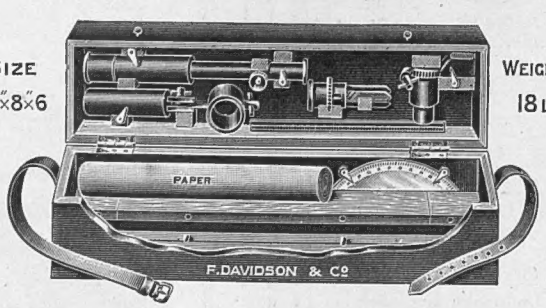

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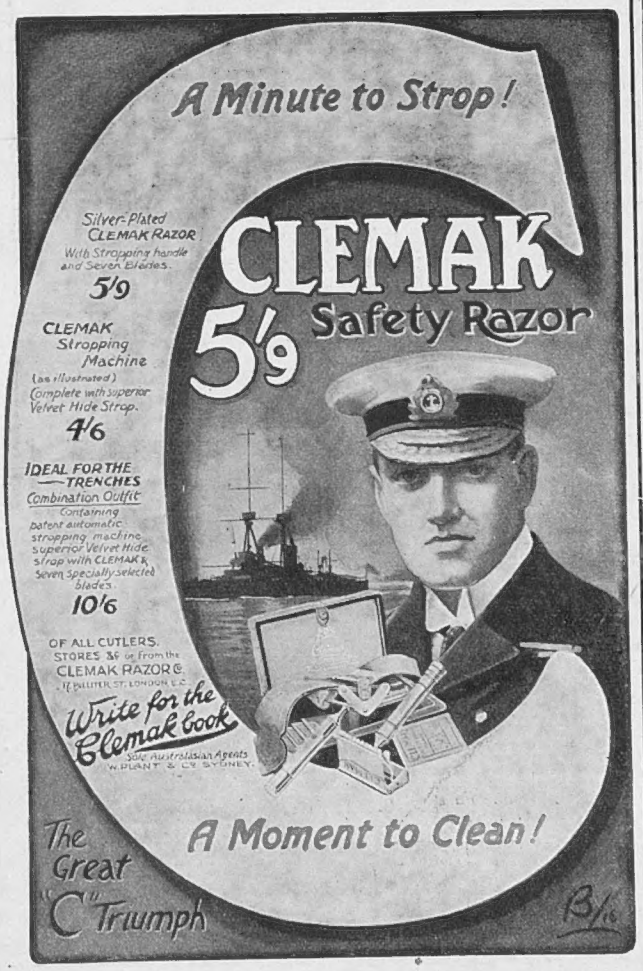

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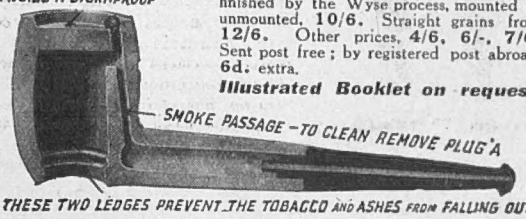

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War on Wounded

Germany has declared war on the world in general, but in particular on another of those little nations on which she works off the spleen she cannot vent upon their big brothers. This time it is the littlest nation of all and beloved by all—that which lives beneath the banner of the Red Cross. War on the Wounded is the literal translation and effect of Berlin's threat to hospital ships found in home waters. She cannot stain her hands deeper than they have been stained these months past, but she has a hellish ingenuity of invention in trying to do so.

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Things are getting a little tangled. There's too much energy of a misdirected kind pouring out of the hotels; and the different streams all meet in a kind of boiling maelstrom, which sweeps the unhappy public off its legs and whirls it all ways at once and lands it nowhere.

Too Much "Wanted"

Since Christmas the average Bystander has found almost daily in his newspaper a fresh Ministerial shout to chuck himself body and soul, brains and bank balance, muscles and money, into this, that, or the other which will positively win the war, and without which the war positively won't be won. And with this fresh daily shout are served up the continued shouts of all the appeals which have gone before and the preliminary shouts of the appeals shortly to be unloosed. Where are you?

Do This!—No, This!—No——

Where are you? The average Bystander finds himself or herself somewhere here: "Plant potatoes! Every minute you spare from planting potatoes is a minute given to the Kaiser. Plant potatoes! Dig up your 6 sq. ft. lawn, lay mould on your billiard table, fill that luxurious bath of yours with marl and manure and plant pota——. Have you put

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BYSTANDER COMMENTS (concluded)

your last bob in the War Loan? How dare you fiddle about in your garden, rioting among potato seedlings, when you ought to be fishing out even that threepenny bit that got down between the boards last Easter Sunday? Have you subscribed or have you not? Are you a patriot or a pro-Hun? Have you sub——.

—This!—No, This!

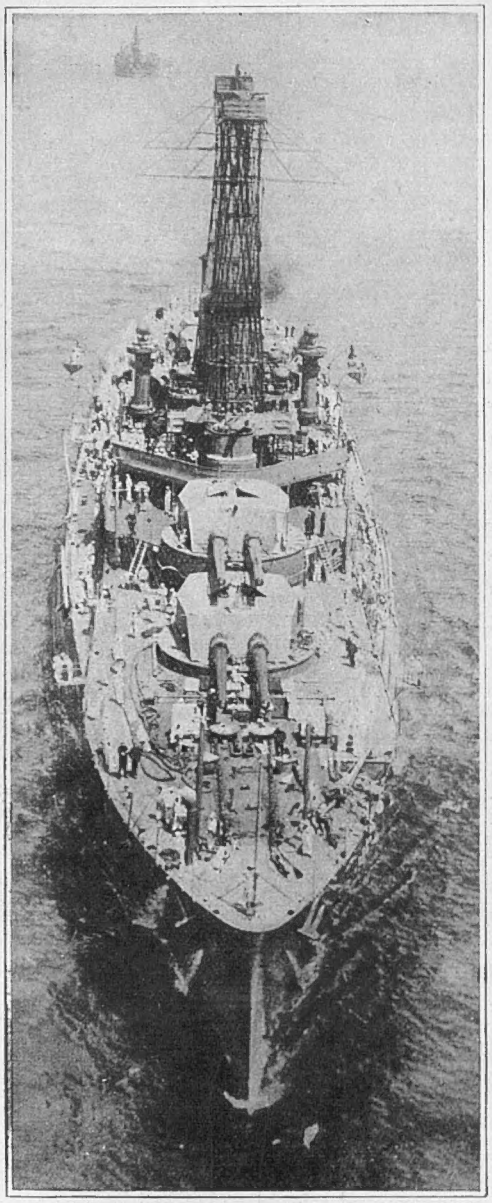
"Join up for National Service I want you all all the time. Nothing else matters. This is IT. Drop everything and get ready to jump at it with both hands. This call is for *you*, and nothing must stand in the way of your answering it. Join up for Nat——. Stop! Think! Are you sucking sugar? Do you still drink? Can't you chuck smoking? Economy by *you* will win the war, and unless you concentrate every fibre on economy you will lose the war. Are you ——?"

Between Two Dozen Stools

This is not an exaggeration. It is a gross under-statement of the vital appeals, and vital calls, and vital admonitions which come hurtling out of the hotels. Confusion becomes worse confounded and bewilderment worse bewildered. What is a man to do? What *is* he to do? Don't you see, my dear hotelkeepers, that the probability is he will do *nothing?* You've heard of a man falling between two stools? Well, dash it, you're going to make him fall between about two dozen.

Drowsers and Rousers

It's a grand Government, and it's a grand business Government, and its de-part-men-tal-i-za-tion (whew!) is a grand idea, but the departments do most badly want a strict business supervision if they are not going to get into one another's way and end in bringing down themselves and everything else with a particularly sickening thud. Be warned in time. The unutterable Government recently departed was supposed to be allowing the nation to lie about the place in inert, sleepy chunks. The fault of the new Administration is whacking everybody round in such a tumult that they don't know whether they're on their heads or their heels. The go-to-sleep method had at least this advantage—that sleepers can be galvanised into action, and under the old order the nation once or twice was; but the welter of unorganised hustle method not only flurries a man into not knowing what he ought to do, but is in danger of making him—*tired.*



PREPARING—A NEW NOTE

THE U.S.A. BATTLESHIP "DELAWARE"

A report is current that this fine warship is to be rechristened "Well-aware"

Overdoing It

It doesn't matter much how tired the people get of however many Governments; but *don't make them tired of the war!*

Our Legless Hotelocrats

The *Daily Graphic* makes a good point, not unconnected with what I have been saying, when it notes as a glaring example of the new hotel extravagance that Adastral House, home of anti-aircrafters and formerly De Keyser's Hotel, is situate in the very heart of a maze of underground, tram, and 'bus stations, which will take you anywhere in the least possible time. Yet if there is one departmental hotel which makes a special feature of lines of Government motor-cars waiting all day long outside, Adastral House it is. Are all the hotel staffs legless that they cannot hop a dozen yards into train, tram, or 'bus? asks the *Daily Graphic.*

The State Pays

No, my dear sir, they are not legless nor salaryless either. They are merely under the influence of being able to use somebody else's property without paying for it. It is human nature to abuse that privilege. I myself in this cold weather have hurled on my office fire scuttle after scuttle of office coal with never a touch of that tender regard for the cellar which governs my economical poking of my study fire at home. We all do it. And nowhere is it done to anything like the extent it is done in Government offices where "the firm" which stands the racket is that amorphous, intangible, inexhaustible thing—the State. Who on earth is going to have anything less than the super-best when the State is going to pay?

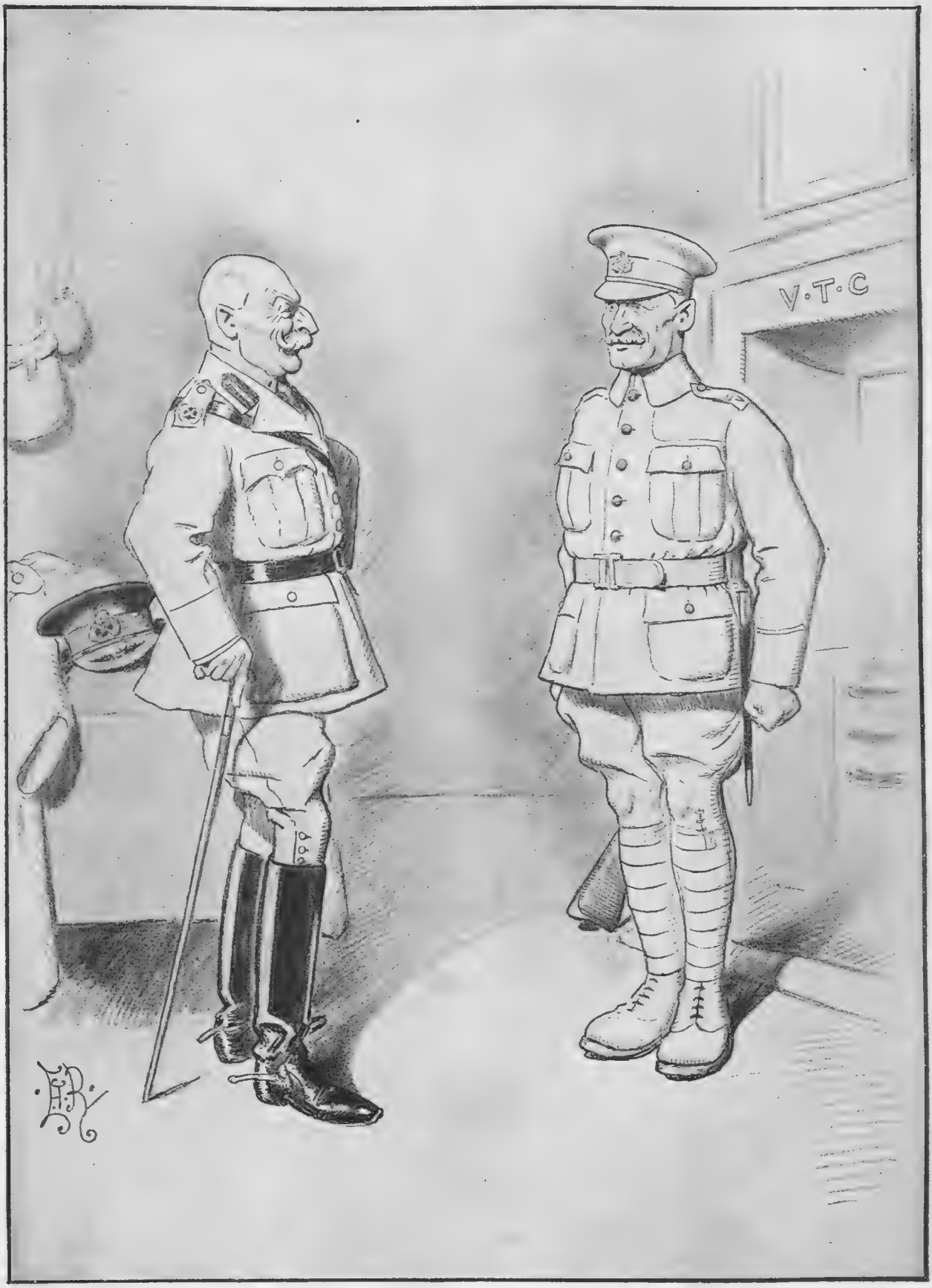
Is It Business?

That is just where the new departmentalists are blameworthy. It is theirs to check staff and office extravagance. Don't tell me that if any other paymaster but the State had had to be consulted they would have broken out into a hotel apiece with staffs to match.

Tribunal Note

Wilson, Doctor. Successive periods of exemption from military service. Final appeal dismissed by military representative Bernstorff. Civil liabilities no longer paramount. Full time munition work only alternative to active military service. Moratorium at an end.

"Cinderella" and the "Prince"



F. M. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT: "Well, my friend! Very pleased to meet the home-staying 'Cinderella' of the Forces; and a pretty solid and sizeable-looking one you make, what? So you and I have to look after the hearth and home, together, eh?"

VOLUNTEER FOR HOME DEFENCE: "Yes, sir; and, if I may be allowed to say so, sir, we're very proud that you should have been cast for the part of the 'Prince'!"

Cold Snaps

ON THE ICE—AND UNDER IT

First, we see a merry party on Connaught Water, Chingford, thoroughly enjoying the rarest of English forms of sport

Then, we observe the Queen of Holland and her daughter skating on a frozen canal in the pretty district of Clingendaal, near the Hague. And, lastly (inset), our hearts warm to the heroism of one of the "Diehards" of the Serpentine Swimming Club, who has had to break through four inches of ice to take his morning dip

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"

"A black frost, and skating"

LONDON, *February* 5, 1917,

DEAR COUSIN—

PERISHING cold it's been, horrid! Chilly, dreary, sunless days and biting, bitter nights, and in the country—Nature's an untimely dame—those John-the-Baptists of spring, the lambkins, feeling the frost "terrible," so they say. And a black frost, and skating, and all the old-fashioned winter "joys." In London—now, we're a city of glow-worms. All wise virgins trim their electric lamps before they go abroad o' nights, and though our torches are "the light that failed" more often than they're any use there must have been fortunes made out of them.

⁂ ⁂

BUT if the first month of the year has been a pretty bad one even here in England, imagine what it's been like in France. Here we know there's a war—the terrible munitions factory explosion opened many more eyes than it closed—and there's *mountains* of talk all about how we're all going to be made to help to win it. But we've got all our comforts still, and even our luxuries, and peaceful nights in real beds in real houses with real fires. Over in France. . . . Hardly bears thinking about, all that our men are going through there; but all the same we *ought* to think about it. What the eye doesn't see, you know, the heart, etc.: and callousness is one of those things that can easily be overdone.

WHICH reminds me, don't believe all the stories you hear about them all being so awfully "cheery" out there. Or that they're really so keen either on us at home carrying on exactly as usual and pretending (for their benefit) that there isn't any war. Human nature is, after all, nothing if not—human; and however gallantly you stick hell with the lid off it takes a saint rather than a mere soldierman to be really frightfully pleased all about the topping old time they're having in the other place.

"An Imperial Guard of Honour for the King"

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FOR the older men, anyway, and the ones cursed with a temperament or imagination—inconvenient possessions at the best of times—there's precious little sport about it, and as for cheeriness. . . . Just a mixture of boredom and discomfort and deadly peril long-drawn-out, and none of the old picturesque glamour of the clash of arms and the thundering charge that used to gild the bitter pill, if thinly, for the warriors of old.

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"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

unnumbered cumberers of the earth, who are neither ornamental nor useful! If they'd only hibernate or something, then at least they wouldn't eat up the food the workers want.

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THE price of patriotism is this way too high for the patriotic woman, and not paid at all by the other kind. In the bitterest winter most of us have ever known London's gallant girl 'bus-conductors, for instance, each one taking a fighting man's place, have hardly been able to stand on their frozen feet or clip the tickets with their poor numbed hands. Yet thousands and thousands of better-nourished, better-clothed, better-housed women haven't even given up a single lump of sugar in their tea or a rubber of bridge because of the war.

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THIS week Parliament meets again, and that will hold up things still more, I suppose. You know what it is when men start talking. Impulsiveness may be a feminine failing, but really the masculine habit of deliberation is almost as disastrous, in war-time, anyway. Men and money they're chiefly going to chat about, so they say, and by the way there's to to an Imperial Guard of Honour when the King goes to Westminster on Wednesday. A very popular arrangement. We can't pay too many compliments to the splendid men, our Antipodean Crusaders, who've come so far and come unasked to fight for the Empire.

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AS to the new fashions there's been such a lot of fuss about, sellers and buyers are now lying low as being the better part of discretion this wintry weather, and woman meanwhile is quenching her thirst for a change of appearance in an outbreak of "Russian" hats—out of compliment to our gallant Eastern Allies, of course. There's also a rush of "smart" weddings (presents not *all* War Loan), and a bigger round even than usual of first nights at the theatres, concerts, charity shows, picture shows, etc., while, as I've told you, there's a new midnight club *de luxe* on the *tapis*, and Ciro's also is once again going strong (though non-alcoholicly), and a really delightful story told last week was of a war-time dance where the champagne alone cost over £300, and such—er—war-workers as graced the assembly were *very* woolly at their patriotic pursuits afterwards, having fox-trotted with great fervour till five.

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WHICH will prove to you as nothing else could how very "cheery" some of us still are in England—now, and how determinedly we sit at the feet of such as the Minister of Education, who has told us that if we have any belief in the cause for which thousands of our fellow-countrymen have laid down their lives we should scrape and scrape and scrape and go in old clothes and old boots until such a mass of treasure be garnered into the coffers of the Government as to secure a lasting end of all this tangle of misery. But they've had to fix up a "great municipal War Loan campaign throughout Great Britain" all the same.

With love, yours ever,

BLANCHE

Official Photograph

ANYTHING BUT C3!

These stalwart drivers of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry cars are a further illustration—if any were needed—of the good work women are doing in the war. There is little suggestion of their being fit for "clerical work only"; indeed, the list of things they cannot do seems to be daily decreasing

K. R. and A. I. (Illustrated)

(These letters, mystical to the uninitiated, stand for "King's Regulations" and "Admiralty Instructions")

PASSED BY CENSOR

No. 2.—PURCHASE OF FOREIGN LITERATURE

A sum not exceeding £5 may be spent . . . . upon the purchase of such literature for use in foreign languages as may be deemed suitable and necessary

ARTHUR WATTS

A Peace Scare and Some Speculations

BY "WILL OF THE WISPSHIRES"

In the Wispshires, as I remarked before, there is no Pacifism; but Peace is discussed. It comes up with the rumours and the scares, as, in early days, came "those Russians," the Crown Prince's capture, and the destruction of the German Fleet. Everybody believes that peace will come suddenly—nobody knows how, or where, or why. The other day, drill stopped suddenly, the squads were marched to a company parade-ground, ordered to file across and discard equipment. Nobody could guess the reason. There was no fire and no appearance of a daylight air raid. What was it? Invasion? Perhaps. Or—somebody gave the word—was it peace?

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During the few minutes following somebody's discovery of that possible explanation of the "scare" some of us thought hard. Supposing? Would discharge be immediate—in time for a night in the old Town, with lights up and no restrictions? Or would it be to-morrow or the day after, or next week or next month or any old time? Would France disgorge her British millions before England was allowed to disband hers? Would the railways be able to carry a tithe of those who would want to get home on the leave that should have no ending? Would it be a case of doing the journey afoot or awheel, the roads blocked with the humanity of a hundred Derby Days?

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But if the journey were made, what then? To what would most of us return? Clad and housed and fed no longer by our much-abused step-mother, the War Office, who would fill her place? The former employer—he whose whole present business, if conducted at all, was State-controlled or restricted? The end of the war might mean the end of him also as a paying concern. The old office stool might be no longer there, or occupied by some fair one whose charm was equalled only by her cheapness, to eject whom would be an ungrateful task unless one were disposed and able to marry her. Perhaps that's her plan.

If the discharged one is in business or practice for himself, peace confronts him with the problem: Where will be the former customers and clients? If discharged from service like oneself, their power to buy one's wares or brains will be dependent on their power to sell theirs. And that, again, all depends.

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I see that the gentle Mr. John Hodge, Minister for Labour, has been giving the matter his attention, and promises to settle the problem of the discharged soldier for us by establishing 800 new employment exchanges in various parts of the country. That is to say, I am on escaping from the toils of one machine to involve myself in those of another. Peace is not to be my emancipation from shackles, but merely a change of taskmasters. On the last order "Dismiss!" we shall salute Colonel Pharaoh—who, at all events, knows Private Joseph, and has had numerous opportunities of discovering his value as a man—and present ourselves before a black-coated bureaucrat who knows him not. Colonel Pharaoh, with his disbanded battalion, returns—if a temporary soldier—to private life and the search for worldly gain. Who knows that the problem may not be as insoluble to him and his class as to the humblest private? We may even meet each other as rivals for the same job!

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It will not be likely to occur to anybody that the best way in which to employ the disbanded commanding officer will be to make *him* the employment agent for his own demobilised units. That is far too practical and common-sensible to have been dreamed of in Whitehall. Nevertheless, I offer it herewith. I suggest that, with all its faults, the right employment agency for the soldier is the Army itself and not any new-fangled civilian organisation. The Army, through its officers, knows at the present moment all that is good and most that is bad about its five million members. It has tested them in the hardest of all possible schools. Let the Army, then, act as our agent in civil employment. Let us be passed *as soldiers* into our after-war jobs by people who know something about us. For the love of heaven save us from the regulation suit of civilian shoddy, the Civil Service bureaucrat, and the atmosphere of charity that is bound to permeate, sooner or later, any organisation that is subsidised and professedly benevolent. The Army has got us: it has made men of most of us. Let it "carry on." It will do better for us than Mr. Hodge. One advantage of the Army acting as employment agent is obvious—it will always be able to get us again, if it wants us, with a minimum of trouble.

"W. O. W."

WISH OUR CLIMATE WERE LIKE THIS!
British soldiers enjoy an open-air bath in Western Egypt

Definitions—!

(OR, LITTLE MISTAKES OF THE DICTIONARY)

VILLAGE

Its little houses huddle near
The village church, to memory dear;
And on its green the children play,
As happy as the live-long day.

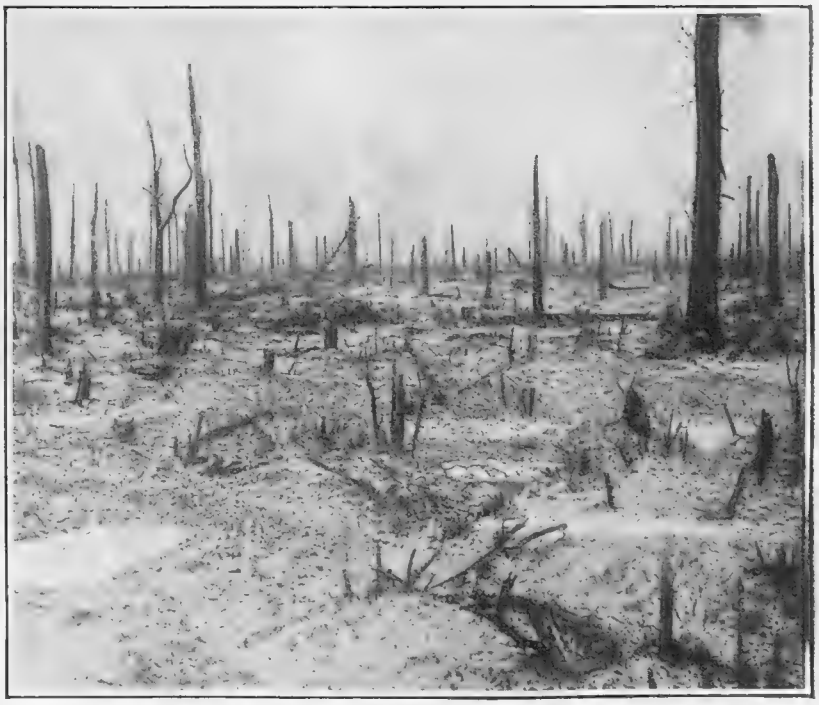
PRINCE

A noble and God-fearing youth,
The soul of virtue, faith, and truth,
Who'd save a maid from dragon's jaws,
Or give his life in honour's cause.

SOLDIER

In gleaming armour, smartly drilled,
With patriotic ardour filled;
A man of overwhelming charm,
He guards his country safe from harm.

Official Photographs



FOREST

Deep in the shelter of its trees
Wild creatures dwell in hidden ease;
The oak's broad branches arch and spread
To shut the sky out overhead.

Liaison Letters from John to Jacques

GOLD FLAKE AND CAPORAL

CHER AMI—

WE shall not win this war by any stress of arms; by no dead weight of projectile will the enemy lines be pierced; by no hideous invention of chemical laboratory or the mixings of musty old men in large spectacles will the Hun hordes be overthrown. No. But for just so long as our "Woodbines" and our "Marylands" can be supplied to us regularly shall we continue in stout heart. I am not joking about this. It is a serious matter. Fortunately, one reads in the more or less truthful news columns that there are —— tons of tobacco leaf at the docks, or wherever it is the delectable weed is stored; and the quantity is so colossal as to make one speculate why one should be charged so fabulous an increased price for the cigarette, without which so few of us can curb our tempers. If this is true of our tobacco importers I am morally certain that the frugal folk of France have taken all requisite steps to ensure a sufficiency of the life-giving leaf.

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BUT, honestly, Jacques, have you ever studied the characters of your brother officers on the basis of the way they handle their tobacco? I often do; it is very profitable. You can judge more of a man by the way he smokes than by any other mannerism; because whatever he may be saying or doing, and whatever effect he may be desiring to produce upon you, he invariably forgets the cigarette that is dangling from his mouth or burning itself to death between his fingers, or on the edge of the table, and which is giving him away to you! Of course, with a woman it is different. There are still some women (of the baser sort) who use the cigarette as an adjunct of the chase, because it affords scope for a graceful movement of the white arm towards the silver ash-tray, and so on; but they are fast becoming extinct, this species, thank goodness.

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WITH us menfolk it is different. Far and away the most important thing to us at the present moment, whether we be leaning, bored to tears, against the wet trench parados, or sitting, equally bored, on a hard chair for thousands of hours per diem in a military office, the outstanding feature of our lives is the cigarette and the match wherewith to light it. Half the cigarettes we smoke we don't taste *really*, for the simple reason that our minds are too intent on the immediate business in hand. You can't do two things at once both equally well. You French people (God bless you!) are just as bad—if not worse. I remember a very good instance of this in France. I had been dealing with a French *poilu* who had run into a passing covey of shrapnel and had got horribly peppered, poor chap. He was hit in the jaw and face, and both hands were also damaged. When the field dressings had been replaced by something more efficacious I propped him against the wall and tried to make him comfortable. He was so deftly bound up round the mouth and head that only his eyes were visible. He was dreadfully uncomfortable, although not in much pain. Nothing would satisfy him but that I should arrange the dressings in such a way as to admit of his smoking a cigarette. This I did, although I had to hold it for him. Surgically speaking, he could not possibly have tasted anything, but he seemed satisfied with the smell of the little *paquet jaune!*

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I KNOW a man who fled from his bed into the street, panic-stricken (being awakened suddenly), when the Zeppelins visited an East Coast town at dead of night and left their card in a neighbouring garden. That same individual later, at Lens, during our advance, went back across the open to hunt for his cigarette-case which he had dropped. It was a patch of ground about three hundred yards square, on which few men could stand upright and live. It wasn't "swank" on his part; he was just genuinely annoyed and nosed about on his hands and knees cursing the beastly thing for having dropped out of his haversack, explaining later that if they thought he was going to lie out there all night without a smoke "they were all—something well mistaken." Recent military history has a hundred and one authentic anecdotes of the pass to which men can be put when a serious shortage of tobacco takes place; some are pathetic, some humorous, but all, or nearly all, involve a throw with the dice of death. Think of it! A life for a cigarette, which has cost its manufacturer the *n*th part of a penny!

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YOU know, perhaps, that in the last few years we have become a cigarette-smoking nation far more than we used to be. The day of the pipe is waning. The war has given it the final *coup de grâce*, And why? Because in this time of turmoil and stress, when we are all tuned-up to the great tension, the agitated hand can wander almost unconsciously to the cigarette packet (or the silver case), and the throbbing nerves are momentarily stilled. I stood one bitter night not long ago on a dock quay at 2 a.m. Stacked all round me, twenty feet high in some places, was the commissariat of part of an army. Shivering, but otherwise impassive, sentries guarded it. I talked with one about what lay beneath the tarpaulins. He spoke mockingly of the foodstuffs, but when we talked of the pile of cases which lay immediately behind him, containing, he told me, "fags," a note of almost reverence crept into the tired voice, and I am sure nobody would have tampered with them except across his dead body. I really must chuck this now. I have run out of cigarettes, and I *must* go out and get some before the shops close, or I am done in!

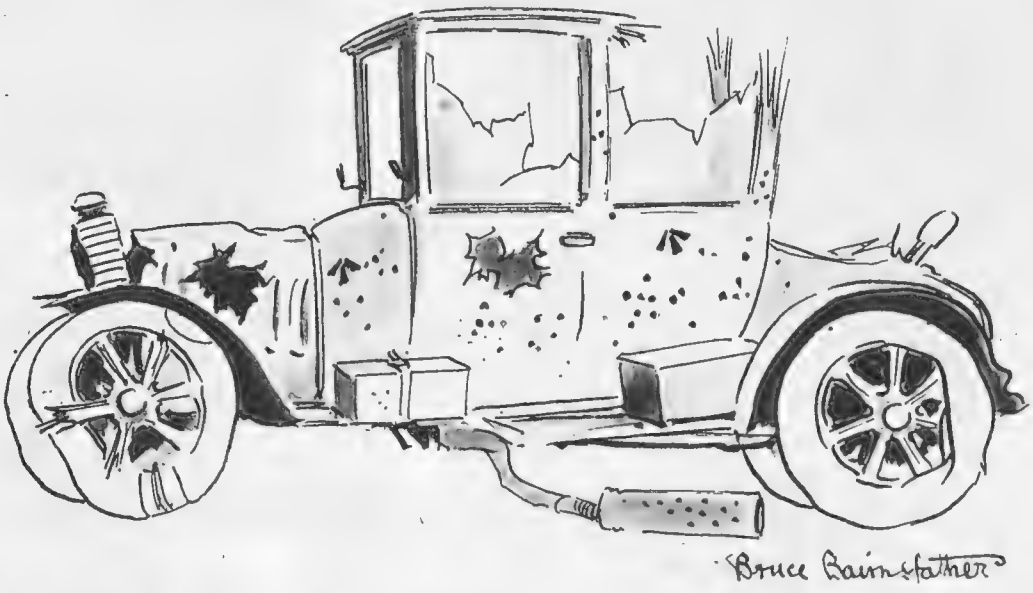
Toujours à toi, JOHN

Across the Styx

No. IV.—THE PREACHER

MERELY A WARNING

To those who may be contemplating picking up a Government car cheaply after the war. Insist on seeing photograph. Don't be satisfied by just reading the advertisements.



ROLLS-DAIMLER, 1917.—Four-seated Coupé body (très coupé). Hardly been used, beautifully finished (almost completely). One dickey seat (*very* dickey), detachable rims (two already detached). Only driven 10 miles (Albert to Gommecourt). Excellent shock absorber (has absorbed any amount). In exceptional condition. £650 (or good bath chair). BARGAIN —Captain Somepush, No. 2, Red Cross River

"Somewhere in Flanders"

A COMMUNIQUE FROM BELGIUM

My Dear Bystander—

For some reason or other one has always been brought up to regard *la belle France* as the true home of *l'Amour* (with a capital A), just as one associates Italy with old masters or Turkey with Turkish delight; and though to-day, heaven knows, the minds of all her sons are intent upon as grim and as bloody a business as ever shook the foundations of Europe, yet it is indeed good to find some indication that not the hardships of war nor the clash of arms can dim the understanding of even the toughest old warrior—be he never so bellicose—nor estrange his kindly sympathy from all that appertains to the tender passion.

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It was in a large base town, and there had been an evening concert in aid of the British Red Cross. The concert over, two of the sisters, whose hospital lay about a kilometre outside the town, set off home on foot, accompanied by two young officers who had volunteered to escort them to the hospital. Arrived at the exit of the town the usual French sentry, armed with a bayonet, emerged from his box and challenged the little group. They couldn't speak very much French. "*Nous . . . voulons . . . passer . . . . s'il vous play*," the spokesman managed to stutter out, and he waved his arm towards the countryside, where the moon smiled down upon the slumbering plains.

"*Votre autorisation ?*" demanded the sentry. They had none. Didn't know it was necessary. He was a dear old man, this sentry, and who knows what tender recollection of an ardent youth was aroused by that wistful plea to shake off the bonds of the city and pass out into the peaceful countryside. He hesitated a moment, and the anxious little group could see that a great mental struggle was racking his system.

"*Alors !*" he burst out at length, and the light of human compassion shone in the old fellow's eyes. "I will chance it, though it is strictly against my orders. Heaven knows I was a young fellow myself once. You can pass—but you must be back by one o'clock !"

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It happened somewhere up the line in Belgium in a village the population of which now consists mainly of British and Belgian military.

It is impossible to say whether in this regrettable affair Private Jones was more to blame than Private Sluype or Private Sluype than Private Jones. Be that as it may, both having just come out of the trenches, very tired and very thirsty, it was only

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It's the Little Things that Worry

PASSED BY CENSOR

What is so particularly annoying to Private Lovebird is, that he would not have had this bother with his dug-out if his leave had not been postponed

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

"SOMEWHERE IN FLANDERS" (*concluded*)

natural that an unerring instinct should direct their weary footsteps to the nearest haven of joy, where, human nature being what it is, they quaffed long and deeply of the country's wine. Seated side by side at the same table, it was a pretty and pleasing picture to see these two honest soldier lads knitting closer (as the statesmen say) the indissoluble bonds which bind the two countries together. First Private Sluype would indicate in Flemish that he proposed to toast his comrade's king and country, whereupon Private Jones, speaking for the North of England, would hasten to return the compliment.

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And so it went on. Nothing could have been more satisfactory. But the surprising effects of moisture upon an empty stomach are proverbial, and in the fullness of time it came to pass that whereas during the last two hours Privates Jones and Sluype had seen eye to eye together in the most perfect unanimity, the views now expressed by Private Sluype no longer met with the approval of Private Jones, nor did the opinions of Private Jones seem good to Private Sluype.

It was a most embarrassing situation, and it was felt by both parties that only by immediate and violent combat could the perfect relations between them be re-established.

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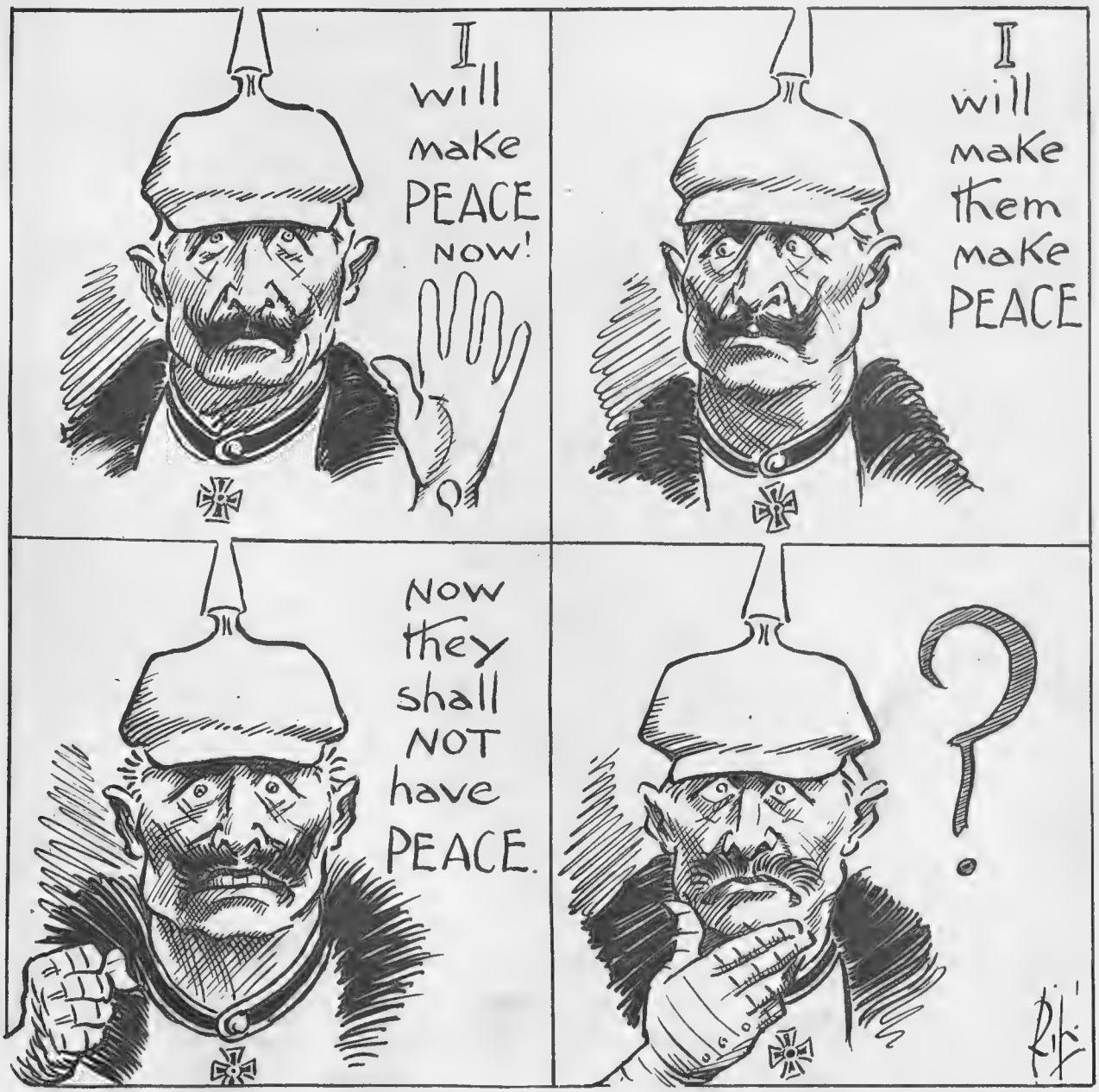
The struggle was long and arduous. Now the fortunes of war would favour Private Jones and now again the issue would seem to veer round in favour of Private Sluype. The sixth round settled it. A sharp crack impinged upon the atmosphere, and Private Sluype was seen to have taken up the secondary, or prone, position. Private Jones stooped to pick up his cap, then mounting unsteadily upon his opponent's heaving chest:

"All," he announced gravely, "is quiet on the Belgian front. Nothing special to report!"

And with the benign expression of one who has done what he could for the common welfare Private Jones subsided gently into the arms of the military police.

Yours ever,
JACK JOHNSON



PHASES OF THE PEACE FACE

Général Février in Command

NOT the issue of the cigarette ration; but a working party carrying stove-pipes. They are passing one of our big guns in its snow-covered emplacement

(British official photographs issued on behalf of the Press Bureau)

In a forward trench, near enough to the German lines to throw a snowball across. But nowadays bombs and granades have taken the place of snowballs

The Economy Campaign

A HUMBLE SUGGESTION

WE want to be in the fashion. To be in the fashion nowadays means that one must be economical, or, at any rate, produce proofs of the necessity of everyone else being economical. This latter is the more comfortable way of being patriotically economical or—economically patriotic. To make suggestions for further economy ideas one need not, of course, know anything about the production or manufacture of the article to which it is proposed to apply economy. It is easier not to have such knowledge. If you are a townsman, for example, you at once evolve ideas as to how the cultivation of the land can be better and more economically carried out. If you are an unmarried man of just over military age you can make splendidly patriotic suggestions as to why wives and families should do without husbands and fathers when the Army needs more men—and so on.

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NOW, unlike everyone else, we are going to make an economy suggestion on a subject we do know something about — advertisements (full details as to rates, etc., on application). The idea is this:

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Who is making her début in the new play, "The Aristocrat," at the St. James's Theatre. Miss Carey is the charming and clever daughter of that also clever and charming lady known to the theatrical world as Miss Lilian Braithwaite

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

The Aristocrat at the St James's

By "JINGLE"
Illustrated by Norman Morrow

SOMETIMES I think if the amiable gentlemen who engineered the justly celebrated French Revolution had realised the grave responsibility they were throwing on future dramatists that historic event might never have taken place. This time it is Mr. Louis Napoleon Parker (Mong Dew !) who has stepped forward with the usual budget of horrors incidental to the travail of a great nation whose sons are being born again in her agony. Once more we are shown the immaculate and fearless aristocrat in contrast with his coarse and vulgar judges; and once more we have the familiar scene of the Prison Hall from which condemned aristocrats are summoned to their "last assignation" with *la Veuve*. It goes without saying that Mr. Parker touches nothing that he does not adorn, and the reconstitution of the Terror is a decorative effect upon which he is to be felicitated. And yet I can't help wondering why he went and did it.

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ARISTOCRACY, like morality, is a matter of geography. The British aristocrat of the past usually accepted the responsibility of his position. That is to say, while always careful to take what was due to him, he paid what he owed. The French aristocrat of the old days hardly interpreted his great rôle with the same success. He was not a sportsman. Granted that the French peasant of the Revolutionary era was coarse and brutal, he was, after all, only what the aristocrats had made him; and, as the poet has said, if you treat a man like an animal you cannot fairly blame him for behaving as such. The popular method among playwrights, therefore, of confronting the old French aristocrats with their former victims and then throwing their hands up to High Heaven at the brutality of the spectacle, never seems to me to be quite convincing. It lacks the right kind of perspective. I suppose the highest example we have of an aristocrat of the kind was King Charles I.; but when Charles was brought before a court of inferior people and required to give an account of himself he simply declined to plead on the ground that in his view the Court was an incompetent one, and that was all that was to be said about it as far as he was concerned. But in this play the aristocrats actually bandy words with their ill-bred judges, and objection is taken to the Court's rather obvious lack of acquaintance with the beneficent combination of

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"THE ARISTOCRAT" AT THE ST. JAMES'S

soap and water. This sort of thing is very amusing, of course, but it is not exactly aristocratic.

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SIR GEORGE ALEXANDER is the Duke of Chastelfranc, and his graceful interpretation of the part is the chief attraction of the play. The Duke is seen at his best, perhaps, when, the Terror ended, he has settled down in Paris as a poor gentleman with the small remnant of his ancient fortune that the "Corsican" has allowed him to retain. To the Duke's mean apartment comes one of Bonaparte's mushroom Generals who wishes to make a nice business proposition to the fallen nobleman. Cash down, you know, and all that sort of thing. Napoleon has started a "Court" out of the rabble that helped him to power; but they have no Master of the Ceremonies who understands Court etiquette. When a foreign potentate calls, it seems that Napoleon is in some doubt as to whether he ought to click his heels and salute formally or whether he ought just to slap his visitor jovially on the back and ask him to come out and have a drink. The Duke is offered a liberal salary if he will accept the post of Teacher of Manners for Monarchs, and it is some time before he can convince the mushroom General of the insult that such an offer conveys. Sir George Alexander is quite at his best in the mingled humour and pathos of this scene.

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AN outstanding performance is that of Mr. Charles Glenney as Chépy, the gloating judge of the Aristocrats. Mr. Glenney gives the part a nice quality, with just the touch of poetical licence that it needs. For Chépy, as we read of him in history, was the son of "a retired notary," and his manners must have been corrupted a good deal by evil communication with the Sans-culottes for him to have developed, as he has done, into a sort of Wicked Uncle from the "Babes in the Wood." But it is a fine performance, anyway. JINGLE

Four Fair Footlights Favourites

Photo] MISS JESSIE WINTER [*Elwin Neame*
Taking the principal part in "Under Cover," the new American play at the Strand Theatre

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THE MARGARET MORRIS DANCERS
Now appearing at the Coliseum in the new ballet, "Angkorr"

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MISS DOROTHY WARD
Acting most admirably in "Flying Colours" at the Hippodrome

Through a Woman's Eyes

THE BALKAN NATIONALITIES—AND SETTLEMENTS

EVER since the Russian retreat in 1915 it has been recognised that the Riga-Dvinsk fighting region is the keynote to the Russian situation. If one fell the other would probably fall also, and the Russians might thus be forced to retreat a considerable distance. So that section has been zealously guarded, and the recent attack on that front can have been no surprise to the Russians. It was what they expected when Hindenburg took over complete control in Germany. Rumania, however, prevented him from attacking there at once; and probably the fact that she has her greatest strength concentrated in that region is the reason for the delay there may have been in helping Rumania at first, when so sorely tried by the enemy.

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BUT little is heard here of Kovel, yet that fortress is the hardest for the Russians to re-take, and when that is accomplished there will be reason for much rejoicing, for Kovel is a great railway centre, a strong fortress, strongly fortified by the Germans. In Russia we heard that to hold it to the last man is the German command. But the greatest importance of Kovel is that when it falls again into Russian hands it will mean the complete separation of the Austrian from the German armies, and the Prussians in the Baltic provinces will stand a good chance of being surrounded; in fact, in Russia it was said that the Germans were beginning, some months ago, to move all their effectives possible, so that they could beat a hasty retreat when forced to do so.

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WE hear but little of Bulgaria in these days. She, like the others allied to Germany, is of very minor importance in the alliance of the Central Powers. Yet to Russia the entrance of Bulgaria was the cruellest blow of any in this war; for in Bulgaria are some hundreds of graves of those gallant Russian soldiers who volunteered, fought, and died for Bulgaria during the first Balkan war. A *Russkie Slovo* correspondent who had fought at that time said: "It cannot be true! Surely I will soon awake to find this cruel reality is only a hideous nightmare." Yet if we could get at Bulgaria now, nothing would hasten the end of this war more quickly.

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AND the real reason for the Bulgarian high powers turning traitors to their friend Russia was the handing over of the Dobrudja to Rumania. The last bit from Silistria to the Bulgarian frontier was only given to Rumania at the Treaty of Bucharest in 1913; and as Russia was chief arbitrator at that conference, the Bulgarians since then have been suspicious and unfriendly towards her. As to the Bulgarians and the Rumanians, they have a most outspoken hatred of each other. That alone makes any traveller in those countries see that they could never fight, with unity, in the same alliance.

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AND the Rumanians say: "How the English *could* be such friends of Bulgaria! While we were just waiting and hoping for English appreciation." But the Rumanians are wrong there, for England's and Russia's interests lay in trying to settle the Balkan question, and Bulgaria seemed to be the pivot State. And then Rumania does not consider herself a Balkan State, but rather as the "sentinel" of the Balkans. Her exports also exceed those of all the other Balkan States put together by some three milliards of francs.

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THE real reason for the prolonged and unsatisfactory conditions in the Balkans has been the attempts made—especially by Disraeli and Bismarck—to settle affairs by the odious doctrine of compensations and equilibrium. This just won't work, that is all there is about it. The rights of small nationalities must be clearly defined by the Great Powers, and they must be confined within their own national limits. There is no use giving a bit of France inhabited by French people to Germany, for try as he will the greatest of diplomats cannot make a Frenchman of a German, or *vice versa*: and this situation is well illustrated in the Balkans.

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AND so the most important task ahead of the *Entente*, if they want a lasting peace, is to settle the Balkan question. There are too many little nations in the Balkans, and there is no doubt as to which the *Entente* in unison consider to be the superfluous one. Yet if Bulgaria is wiped off the map there will be several millions of people in Europe, sowing the seed of discontent for future wars. I read recently that King Tino considers that whether the Central Powers are victorious or not Germany will continue to be chief dictator in the Balkans. Of course, Tino's opinion will not be considered in the settling up of things; but Germany must be as fully ousted from those States as from everywhere else.

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HOWEVER, if long-suffering, brave little Serbia is made into a powerful Slav State predominating in the Balkans, and Rumania is also rewarded by just her own countrymen gathered into a strong Latin nation—an island of Romans surrounded by a sea of Slavs—the equilibrium we have so dearly fought for will be well secured; and a well-beaten and then re-instated Bulgaria, with her frontiers clearly defined, will probably bring about an entire metamorphosis in that country. The people are submissive, but their rulers are Germans. Eliminate that unwholesome influence and we shall probably find a nation useful and industrious for the good of all of us.

ROSAMOND BOULTBEE

Le Dernier Cri de Paris

Here we, in darkest London, have a chance of seeing the latest creations of Fashion in the brilliant surroundings of the Côte d'Azur. From left to right the dresses may be shortly described as follows:—(1) A lavender blue crêpe silk, with silk embroideries. (2) Grey dress of very fine cloth, with large blue sash. (3) A blue-grey silk dress, with deep black collar, cuffs and belt. Large hat of black crin. (4) Jersey violet dress, with soft violet leather cuffs. Large paille hat trimmed with grey feathers. (5) White faille dress, with striped rose silk lapels and tasselled sash, and hat with small bunches of pink ribbons

Shrapnel Pars

THE Boches at home are still misled by bogus stories of naval victory; but their runaway fleet has learnt enough to know that nowadays the North Sea is quite different from the German notion.

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"DURING the whole of the raid not a hostile vessel was sighted . . . our sea forces returned safe." There *are* conditions, you see, in which even Hun raiders can manage to get home unwhipped.

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"WHAT our enemies want," mournfully bleats the *Cologne Gazette*, "is pretty much all that we possess." Well, not quite all. For instance, we don't want their Kaiser.

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THE Germans claim to have invented a submersible cruiser; but really only half the invention is theirs. The submersion idea is a Jellicoe patent. So long as the vessel remains at Kiel it keeps up, directly it comes out it goes down. It is called "The Nelson Touch and Go."

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN will get himself disliked. "Why not tell the truth," he has been asking his countrymen, "about the origin of the war?" The obvious answer is that they prefer re-lying on their original falsehoods.

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HAMLET on the great skirt problem: "'Tubby' or not 'tubby'—that is the question?"

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IF it is true that they are compelled to pay £5 for a pair of boots in Vienna, it seems difficult to avoid the conclusion that Austria, at last, really *is* "on her uppers."

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"EMPERORS TOAST EACH OTHER," announced a Kaiser's birthday headline last week. And the paper went on to show that while they were enjoying their toast their peoples were clamouring for bread.

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THE member of the Wareham Tribunal who said that "the bigger the liar the better the luck," had better be careful. It is a risky business speaking evil of dignitaries in wartime.

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IT is pleasant to note that the censorship is being slightly relaxed, and that the British public is at last permitted to know that the Vicar of Dolwyddelen always repairs his own boots.

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"IF," says the *Daily Mail*, "we are told with bated breath that a Labour Cabinet is a possibility of the future, then we reply without hesitation that we are quite ready for it." Well, that ought to learn 'em! What?

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"HAVEN'T we had about enough of this 'funk-hole' talk?" asks a contemporary. The answer is in the negative. So long as there is a "funk-hole" left we shall say "Comb out of it!"

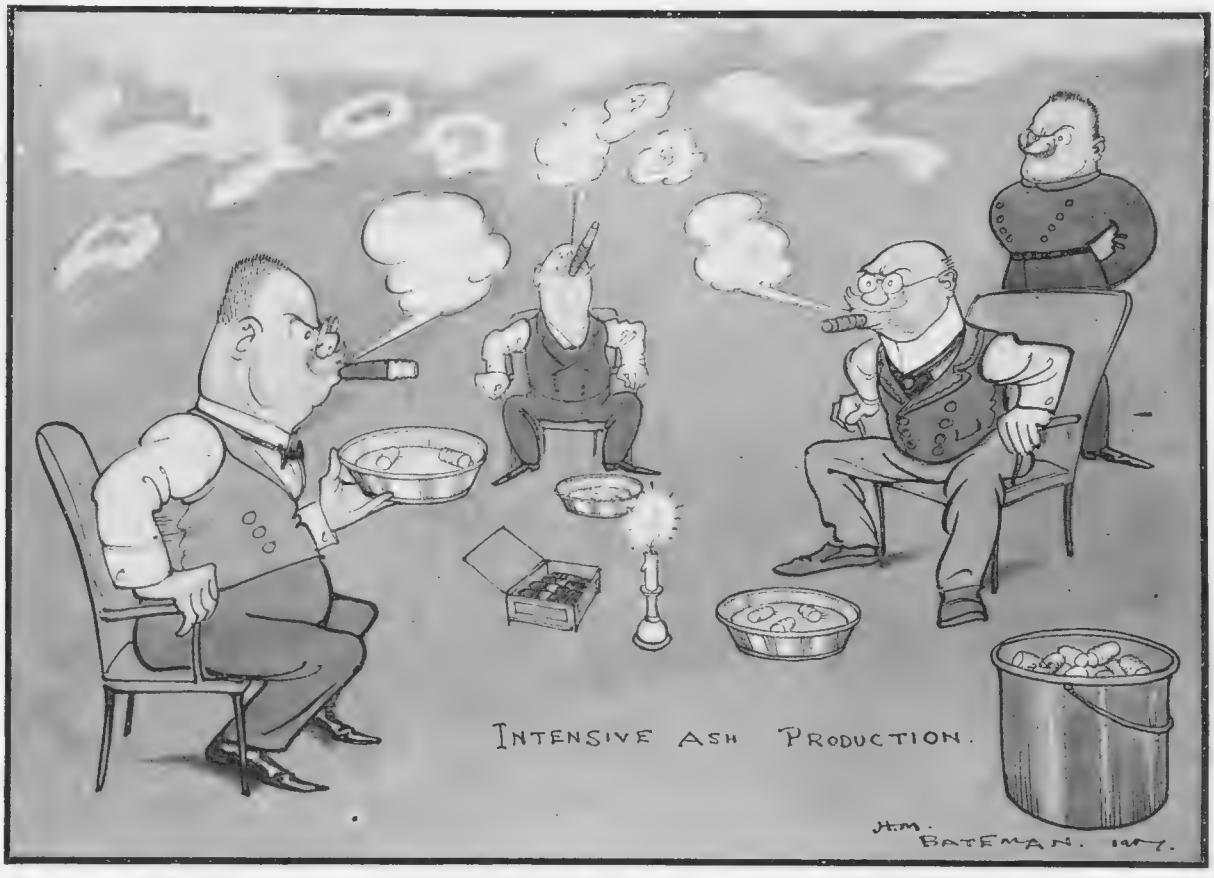
SURE THING

TOMMY (*to captured Hun*): "Nah, then; get along with the others. Wot yer 'anging about 'ere for?"
HUN: "I vos vait for mine brudder. He vos surrender in der next batch!"

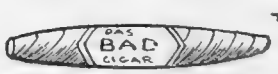
Boschfully Speaking

By a Contributor Spiritually Domiciled in Berlin

ECONOMY in oils and fats of all and every kind is now being most drastically enforced in Germany; and besides the mere enforcement, the appeals made on behalf of an embarrassed Government to the people are piteous in the extreme. Soap especially, according to a Swedish correspondent in Germany, is the object of the most tender care. He says that the latest announcement of the "Oil and Fat Committee" runs as follows:—"*Be careful of all soap; never dip the soap in the water; try and clean yourself with warm water and cigar-ash.*"



IF cleanliness comes next to godliness, perhaps the majority of Germans will not be greatly worried over this affair; but it seems likely enough that the supply of cigars may in the near future not be equal to the demand, since Turkish tobacco, which is all that Germany can be reasonably certain of procuring, is not so well adapted for cigar-making as that grown in those delectable but unreachable neutral countries beyond the seas, or even in Germany's late colonies.



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THE MAJOR STRAFER

By W. Douglas Newton

A TALE OF ONE OF THE "DOGS OF WAR"

BUNNY'S dog was the sort of dog that seems to have grown out of Somme mud from a sort of wickedly irresponsible seed; that is, not only did he look like a perambulating divot, but the only reason for his existence in the desolate sphere of war was that a "crump" had thrown him up from his home of eternal grit.

His birth must have been sudden. One instant he was not there, so to speak, the next he was sitting at Bunny's feet, scratching himself for local inhabitants and leering vacuously, as though he had owned Bunny from birth.

The captain first saw the astounding hound. He said to Bunny:

"What breed? From his looks he is the worst born son of a dirty piece of tripe."

"Eh?" blurted Bunny. "Are you talking about a brand of cigarette, or army rations, or what?"

The captain poked the disreputable canine with the toe of his trench boot. The dog rolled over with a bored air, and bit the trench boot with great efficiency.

"That thing," indicated the captain, "that cur of frightfulness."

Bunny looked down with a start.

"It *is* a dog," he breathed, "thank God." The captain looked up sharply.

"What did you think it was?"

"Shell shock," said Bunny simply. "I've been regarding it with horror... I've been saying: 'My son, it *is* your brain. Those gargoyle things that the shells knocked off Albert cathedral don't scratch themselves. It's not done by the best stone gargoyles. Your brain is playing you tricks.' I thought it couldn't be real. It is real."

The dog tipped his ear to Bunny, winked, gave his opinion of the captain in a sneering aside, and put his head on Bunny's knee. Bunny's hand played with the cur's ear. The cur caught the sub.'s fingers in his mouth, and worried them politely, affectionately, but without bite. The captain looked suspicious. The marks of the brute's teeth were deep in the thick leather of his boot.

"Sure it's not your dog?" he said spitefully.

"Never even knew it was a dog until you spoke."

"If it's not Bunny's dog," said the senior lieutenant, "Bunny's the dog's sub. That's certain. I note love at first sight."

That was true. The dog took Bunny without references from that day. The dog became Bunny's shadow from thence on—even as far as parade. At least it came on parade at first; after it had tried to bite the colonel it was thought better that he should do a "fat man" fatigue in Bunny's billet.

When Bunny was absent the dog was often segregated with the servant in Bunny's billet or in Bunny's dug-out. The dog's love of the human race only extended to Bunny. He accepted Bunny as one of those necessary things a well-ordered dog must have about him, but he saw no reason why he should have to put up with Bunny's friends and superiors—particularly superiors. Bunny's dog was a confirmed major-biter. He did it regularly. He did it as though to bite a major was in the routine which would lead towards a dog's heaven. He bit colonels too; in fact, he had a nice discrimination in colonels, never missing a Kitchener colonel (perhaps they are more juicy), but colonels are naturally rarer. He bit staff men, occasionally, but even as he bit he seemed conscious that this was *caviare*, and that he must attack as a gourmet, not a gourmand. He bit captains—but does that matter? Though that dog bit everything above the rank of sub. and below the rank of quartermaster, it was majors he bit most. And majors are very lethal.

Majors, when the first excitements of being bitten were on the wane, began to suggest that there might come a moment when Bunny's dog would become a nuisance. After the seventh unchecked infringement of the senior major's riding-breeches the senior major was heard to ask of the world: "Who will rid me of this pestilent beast?"

Two days later the colonel came to H.Q. bearing the marks of the brute on his prettily enamelled boots and the effects of the beast on his prettily enamelled temper.

"Take that mangy brute to the dust-dump and pole-axe it!" he commanded. "I *will not* have myself and my majors wandering about on duty with a dog permanently attached to the seat of the slacks. Tell Mr. Stanislaus (that was Bunny) to remove his dog from the face of the globe instantly."

Bunny hid the dog for three days. The brute had undermined his will, and for three days majors sat up, and did not turn round and look down sharply every ten paces. But after three days calamity came. It was not the dog's fault, or Bunny's. Bunny got a

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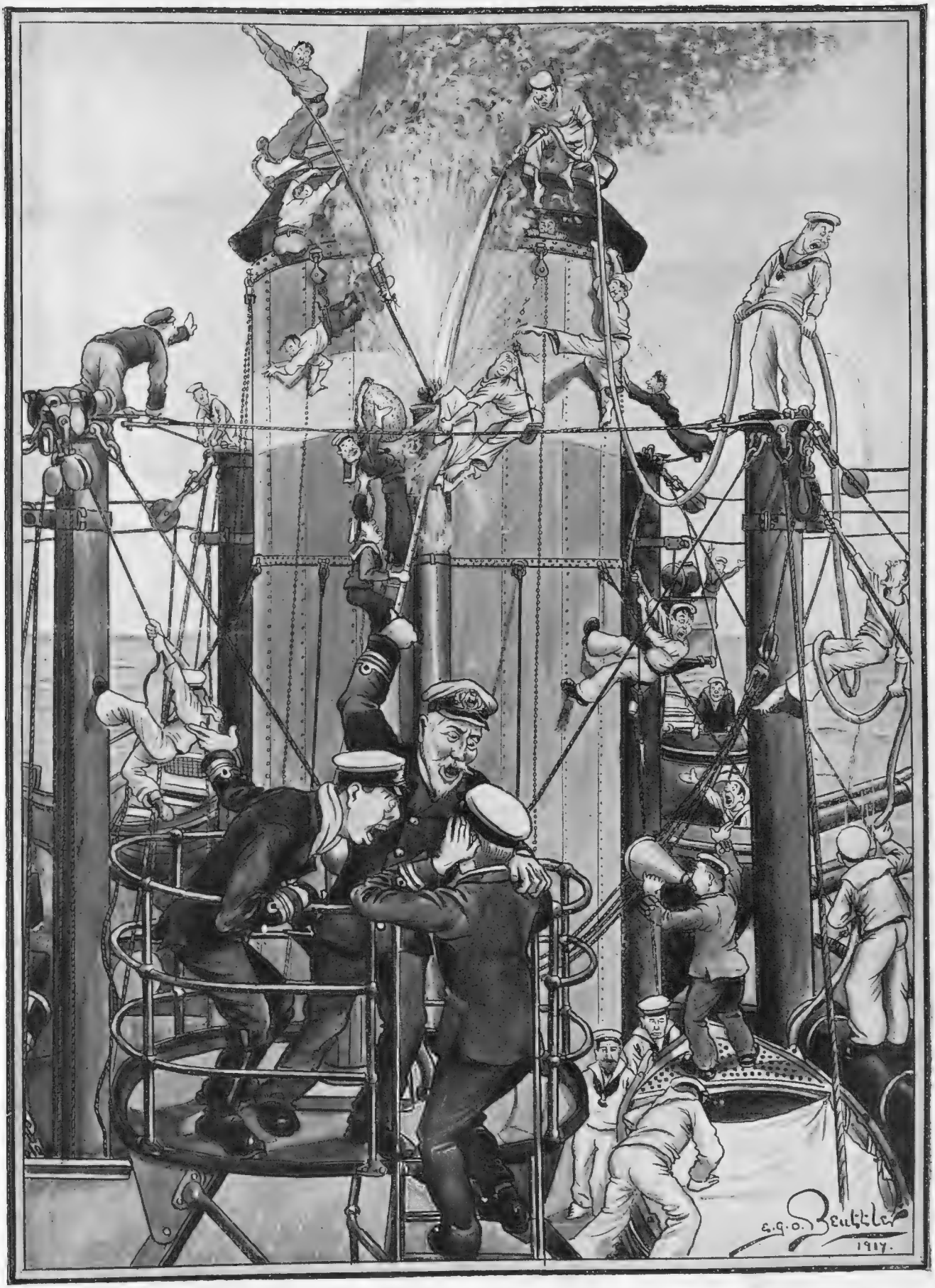
"Letting off Steam"



PASSED BY CENSOR

"ONE OF THE TRIALS OF AN ENGINEER WATCH KEEPER"

BY LIEUT. E. G. O. BEUTTLER

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY (concluded)

ten-day snap-leave, and in the excitement forgot the dog.

The dog celebrated the happy event by an orgy. Two majors, one adjutant, and a brigadier's batman fell to his bow and spear. The colonel called the senior lieutenant and handed out the death warrant. The senior lieutenant, who was expecting promotion, and knew what the dog would do when that happened, agreed. A firing party of the junior mess was formed.

"We'll see it's done kindly ourselves," said the lieutenant. "After all, it's Bunny's dog."

They found a ten-acre field, enough elbow room for killing a dog there.

"LOOK OUT!"

"How's it going to be done?" someone asked.

Very proudly the lieutenant produced his service revolver.

"Anybody got any cartridges?" he asked. "Used up my lavish Government allowance."

"Think I had one," said the junior sub. He began to search feverishly in his pocket.

"One," said the lieutenant with scorn. "Hasn't anybody. . . ." But nobody had. The firing party was without ammunition, save the junior sub. He produced the cartridge, looking at it with the eye of a connoisseur.

"Sorry," he said. "This is *Na poo*. I've really made this into a pencil for—er—my cousin at home."

The dog, obviously bored, wandered off over the field seeking canine smells.

The lieutenant was aghast.

"Not one of you slackers . . .?"

Binkie of D mentioned that he had a Mills grenade. He had meant to construct a paper-weight for a rich uncle out of it; but for such a worthy object as Bunny's dog. . . .

The lieutenant took the Mills in scornful silence.

"Are you sure none of you has a howitzer about you?"

He extracted the safety pin.

The dog sat down, yawned, and scratched his ear. The lieutenant, with a proud gesture, threw the bomb. He turned smiling to the junior sub.

"After all, very effective," he said. "That dog won't even have a bit of skin to bite a major with. Very. . . ."

Binkie yelled "Look out!" and bolted. The lieutenant looked—and bolted. The firing party looked and ran like the wind. The large ten-acre field was full of accelerated subalterns.

Bunny's dog came towards them at a jolly gallop. Bunny's dog was pleased with himself. His tail was up. His ears were gay. His demeanour was jaunty. His gallop had a sense of conscious righteousness. He was doing what all dogs know they ought to do. He was joining in the fun. He was playing a pretty game. He was retrieving the Mills and bringing it back to its owner.

He ran very rapidly towards the senior lieutenant. The senior lieutenant broke all records for the thousand-metre dash. The dog swerved and ran towards the junior sub. The junior sub. left the lieutenant as though that crack was standing still. The dog did a gavotte step to show his joy, and made off at top pace to where subalterns ran thickest.

Subalterns scattered and ran quicker. "Snakes!" howled Bingie. "He'll blow all of us to pieces. Somebody throw another stone."

The dog wagged his tail. The senior lieutenant fell into a ditch, crying "*Kamerad.*" The dog wagged his ear.

"It's all up," yelled the junior sub., and he found a deeper part of the ditch than the lieutenant. But he had been right. It was all *up*. The vanquisher of majors had bitten off more than he could chew in Mills.

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They found a bit of the dog's tail, and interred it. They wrote an epitaph over the grave:

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The Future Woman

BY "EFEMERA"

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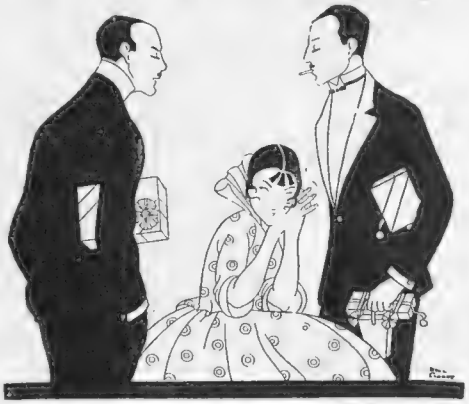
Musical Chairs

THE possible state of woman after the war gives one furiously to think. Obviously it will depend a good deal on how long the war goes on, for the longer the war lasts the greater the number of men killed and the larger the cohorts of superfluous women. Already there are far too many women in this country or far too few men—have it whichever way you like. Life has become a sort of "musical chairs," with men for the chairs; some women are bound to be left out. Of course, all women may not wish to marry; some of them, to judge by their utterances, regard marriage as a degrading bondage to be avoided at all costs, and these voluntary virgins may increase in number and authority; but that is not the point I have in mind, or, rather, it is but a part of the question.

"Several women must compete for the favourable attention of one man"



"The craftier the better"

Where Woman Is Top Dog

WOMEN have never enjoyed a very enviable position in any place where they so outnumbered the men as to be a drug in the market. On the other hand, in any community where women are few and men in the majority, the women have things practically their own way; they can set their own price and lay down the law of social usage as best suits their convenience. They sit in the seats of the mighty and distribute their favours (which are really looked upon as such) according to their own pleasure. It is very different where several women must compete for the favourable attentions of one man. Naturally he is spoiled. There is no occasion for him to make any effort to win feminine approval. He is, to all intents and purposes, a little Pasha. All that is required of him is to drop the handkerchief as a reward to the adoring slave who best contrives to please his fickle fancy.

The Spoilt Young Man

IN this state of affairs it is not young men who fear by rudeness or other infractions of the social code to put themselves in the bad books of possible hostesses; it is the hostesses who put up with any rebuff and tolerate the most blatant of bad manners for fear of failing to garnish their parties with an adequate number of young men. Nothing so quickly and so

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thoroughly spoils a man as to feel himself run after. He refrains from answering invitations until the last moment in order that he may be able to pick and choose, and when at last he has signified his lordly acceptance, ten to one he will either throw over the engagement at the eleventh hour or else he will stroll in late. No excuses, though he may have hung up an entire dinner-party for half an hour. His attitude towards his hostess is: "You ought to be jolly glad to have me on any terms at all." In fact, it is his whole attitude towards women.

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Supply and Demand

It is just possible that women may be sufficiently strong to take up a determined position and keep it. If they do so and manage to impose themselves and their wishes upon a minority of men, it will be sheer flying in the face of the law of supply and demand. Laws have been set at naught before now, and women may achieve political equality and independence. They may even assert and maintain economical equality. Socially, unless a miracle happens, I do not see that they will have the ghost of a chance. There may be a division, a band of stalwart souls pursuing their own independent way and relying mostly on feminine companionship, while the others, the great majority, become ministering slaves to male caprice.

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It is the greatest possible mistake. What have slaves to do with truth, honour, or fair play? Where women are in excess of numbers the truthful, upright woman labours under an immense disadvantage. She cannot flatter, to cheat she is ashamed; her sterling qualities may win for her respect, but neither consideration nor attention. She has thrown away the traditional advantages of her sex, and the most admirable of masculine standards of conduct sedulously carried out will not help her in the very least.

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Guile Triumphant

What we should do is to encourage the cultivation of all the old feminine tricks and vices. Since women will not be able to attain their ends by honesty they must do so by guile. The ancient science of woman-craft must be revived—the craftier the better. Woman must become again a dangerous creature—on the surface, half-savage, half-child, or the pattern of coquettish refinement; underneath a scheming and relentless diplomatist. Since duplicity has always been held to stand her in good stead as a weapon, she would be three times a fool to cast it away and forfeit the chief of her advantages; in fact, if she wants the course of her social success to run smoothly she must lay it out as crookedly as possible. EFEMERA

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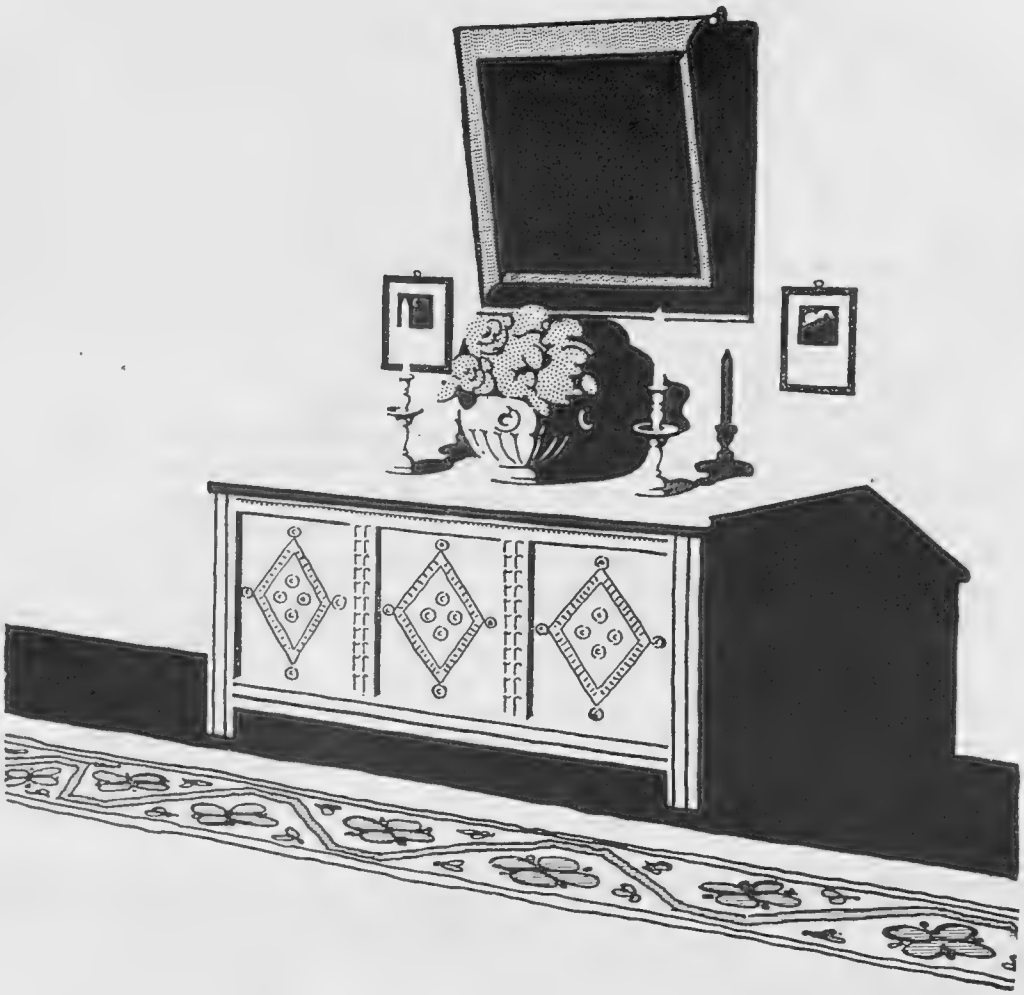

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BY F. R. BURROW

SINCE the Dark Ages, when man discovered the vitally important fact that he could count up to more than five by the simple process of passing on to the fingers of the other hand, Seven has always been a number of vast and secret power and mystery. For one thing, it is an odd number; and all the odd numbers are more powerful than the even numbers.

For example, there are Seven Deadly Sins. There's power for you! As a matter of fact—I want to be quite fair in a scientific article like this—there are also Seven Virtues, but somehow they don't seem to count. I mean, anybody could say what the Seven Deadly Sins are, but I know very few people who could reel you off the Seven Virtues, do you? "Faith, Hope, Charity . . .," that's about as far as you'll get, I think.

There are Seven Days in the Week, as most people who are engaged in war-work have ample opportunities for realising.

There are—or, rather, were—Seven Churches in Asia; but I don't know why they should make such a fuss about that—there must be quite as many between Temple Bar and St. Paul's; and, anyway, the Asia crowd has been a wash-out for some time past under the beneficent rule of the gentlemanly Turk.

St. Paul, by the way, fought with Seven Wild Beasts at Ephesus—no! I've got that wrong; Ephesus was the place where they had the Seven Sleepers: hence the extremely inferior character of the railways in that pestilential district. I feel sure, though, that there was something Seven-ish about St. Paul; perhaps he wrote Seven Epistles—he was a regular Wilson at that sort of thing.

There are Seven Bodies in Alchemy. I was awfully bucked when I found this out, because I wasn't quite sure what Alchemy was. Well, it turns out to be only the names of metals—like gold, you know, the stuff they used to make Jimmy o' Goblins out of before the war—remember?

There were Seven Champions of Christendom—from none of whom, I imagine, does the Kaiser trace his descent.

Wordsworth—or was it Longfellow?—wrote "We are Seven;" but what he was driving at I have never been able to understand, and I don't much think he did himself. But it was entirely owing to this poem that Buckshot Forster decided that Arithmetic should form an integral part of the curriculum of his system of National Elementary Education.

I once knew a man who collected 'bus-tickets with a Seven on them. Poor chap! One day he got one numbered 7777; and his exultation was so great that he fell off the 'bus, and died a muddy death in—Seven Dials!

The reason I've been accumulating all this absolutely useless information about sevens "I will now," as the late Mr. Barlow used to remark, "proceed to relate." It is at the same time to drive thoroughly into your mind, and, so far as possible, to reconcile you to the fact, that the price of THE BYSTANDER is now Seven Pence—*and* jolly good value for the money.

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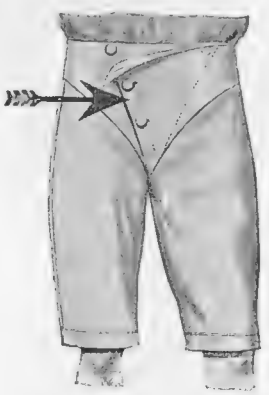

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MUSICAL NOTES

"SMITHSKI"

By FRANCIS TOYE

THIS is essentially the day of leagues and associations. We have a union for binding us to be anti-German for at least two generations; another for furthering democratic control, whatever precisely that may be; there is a league to prevent girls speaking to soldiers; an association to provide the blind with literature in braille.

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NOW the Musical Bystander wants to start another: to wit, a league of persons who shall vow to regard all British musical performers who Italianise, Gallicise, or Russify their names as objects of much ridicule and some contempt. A great many Britons have unduly depreciated British music in the past and some have unduly praised it in the present, but all of them must agree that if Mr. Smith is a good fiddler he is no better or worse for being called Smith instead of Smithski, and that if Miss Tomkins is a good singer her voice sounds neither less nor more agreeable for her calling herself Tomkina.

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NEVERTHELESS Mr. Smith and Miss Tomkins have very frequently in the past adopted this absurd procedure. Nor can I deny that, in the main, it has helped rather than hindered their professional career. The public loves a "ki" or an "a" or an "ète" with their musicians. These foreign terminations seem to do for music very much what champagne does for a dinner-party. This idiosyncracy was specially marked in mid-Victorian times, when it was considered slightly effeminate to be musical. In those days genuine Italians simply ruled the roost; nobody but a Santley or a Sims Reeves had a chance against them. Nowadays we are slightly less snobbish musically.

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HOWEVER, we are still quite snobbish enough, and we are just beginning to be madly Russian. That is why I foresee the advent of Smithski and warn my readers against him. The war has decided, I hope finally, that there shall be fewer foreign performers in Great Britain, but a certain portion of our more fashionable public may sigh for the old terminations. Hence the necessity of a league to ensure our friend Smithski appearing utterly, hopelessly, and permanently ridiculous.

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MR. MACKENZIE MURDOCH

The famous Scottish violinist, who is now appearing in "Three Cheers." At the great Scottish concert organised last week by the London Robert Burns Club, Mackenzie kindly gave his services, and his wonderful playing drew thunders of applause

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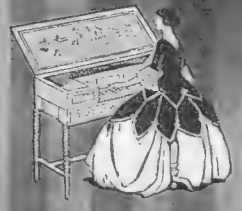

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Charles Lister

It does not often fall to the lot of a father to edit the life and letters of his own son. Family biographies, moreover, have an unenviable habit of being of greater interest to friends than to the public at large. Lord Ribblesdale's memoir of his son, however—*Charles Lister: Letters and Recollections* (Fisher Unwin: 12*s.* 6*d.* net)—is a book which has an appeal and an interest all its own. Young Lister was beloved by all who knew him, and he died a soldier's death. He represented the new generation, the young men who were not satisfied to take things on trust but must needs make inquiries on their own. His father, rightly supposing that the public will like to hear of Charles's life and opinions as much as possible from his son's pen, contents himself with a modest memoir, and fills most of his book with Charles's own letters. These fitly present their writer—brilliant, affectionate, transparently honest. Charles Lister was probably destined for great things, but it was not to be. He lived and died worthily, and his father's book makes a little monument for his memory.

Running After Ghosts

Ghosts have never been so popular as they are to-day—ghosts, that is to say, and their near neighbours. And some of the ghosts' friends seem to be getting themselves into trouble, which suggests that ghosts as a race are not grateful—quite the reverse, in fact, as would appear from Mr. Elliot O'Donnell's new book, *Twenty Years as a Ghost-Hunter* (Heath, Cranton: 6*s.* net). Mr. O'Donnell is not a believer in the mediumistic séance. He distrusts the medium altogether, and very pertinently observes that none of the "spirits" who hover near tables in darkened rooms has ever appreciably added to our knowledge of anything important. But he is deeply interested in haunted houses and in all those queer, inexplicable things which do undoubtedly occur, and give you the shock of your life if you happen to see or hear them. And Mr. O'Donnell's book leaves you wondering whether there is any old house left without a horror of some sort attached to it. It has also much to say of "neutrarians." What these are you must find out for yourself, but they are, to say the least of it, extremely unpleasant, and have the nasty habit of attaching themselves to you, particularly if, like Mr. O'Donnell, you happen to be a ghost-hunter. The book is fittingly illustrated, and should be read by daylight. R. S.

At a matinée at the Holborn Empire on Friday last to raise funds for the Holborn Empire Ambulance, twenty-four copies of "Fragments from France," signed by Captain Bairnsfather and presented by The Bystander, were auctioned by Mr. Harry Thurston ("Old Bill" of "Bairnsfatherland" fame), and realised the handsome sum of £47 16*s.*

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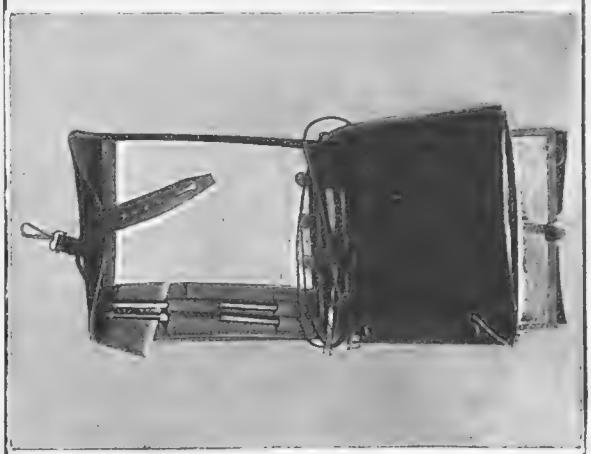

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On Grounds of Morality!

THE secretary of the Owner-Drivers' Branch of the Vehicle Workers' Union protests against the idea of women drivers of taxi-cabs on the ground of unsuitability and "morality." Whether he means economic morality or sex morality does not appear. I suspect it to be sex, because that happens to be the objection raised to the employment of women anywhere. It is always interesting to observe the spasms of our concern for the sex morality of women, particularly when they threaten to affect the economic position of man. The morality objection to women as taxi-drivers, if on grounds of sex, is silly; if on grounds of economics is important—to the male. But we have had to drag our anchor so often during the war, and shall have to drag it so much further before the war is over, that this one little jerk will not make the slightest difference in the situation we shall have to deal with when Mr. Lloyd George has made the Germans cry *Kamerad*.

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A Matter of Equality

As to the woman's ability to drive a taxi-cab there can be no question. If she cannot drive at least as well as some of the dear old gentlemen whose whiskers hang over the steering-wheels of cabs which should have been scrapped years ago, she must be peculiarly incompetent. The fact that any number of women cannot drive, and never will be able to drive, signifies nothing. There are an equal number of impossible men. Apply, if you like, twice as severe a test to the woman applicant for a taxi licence as you apply to a male applicant and you will still be able to find all the women-drivers you want. Women drive most kinds of motor vehicles to-day, and do very well indeed. There is nothing very exceptional about a taxi-cab, or the work it does, to make it difficult to a woman. The only condition I am concerned to insist upon is that the woman-driver shall be treated as on an equality with the man before the law, and subject to the same conditions. There's your real difficulty. You cannot deal with a woman as with a man unless the economic responsibilities are the same. Which, in the generality of cases, they are not—neither in fact nor in law. Anyway, here are the women (300 in training at one firm, they tell me) clamouring at Scotland Yard for the permits. Do I think the answer is for very much longer going to be unfavourable? I do *not*. Scotland Yard is itself tainted. There are women in the police force. We can no longer rely upon it standing for the male taxi driver only.

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"Service After Sale" Again

I HAVE had another long letter from my friend of the A.S.C., M.T., on the subject of service, meaning the service-after-sale rendered by the motor agent when (and if) any. As I said before, this is not the time, even if it happened to be the place, to discuss that matter at any length. Moreover, there is not a great deal at issue between my friend and myself. He holds the agent to be a scallywag from his boots, and

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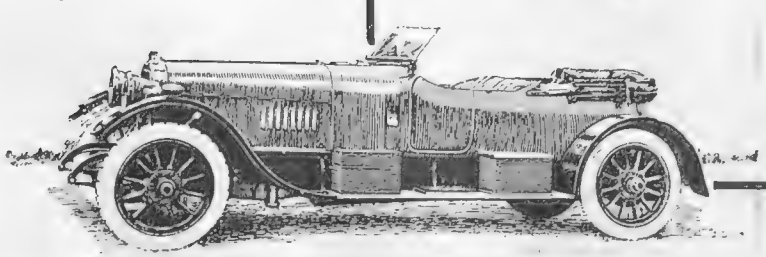

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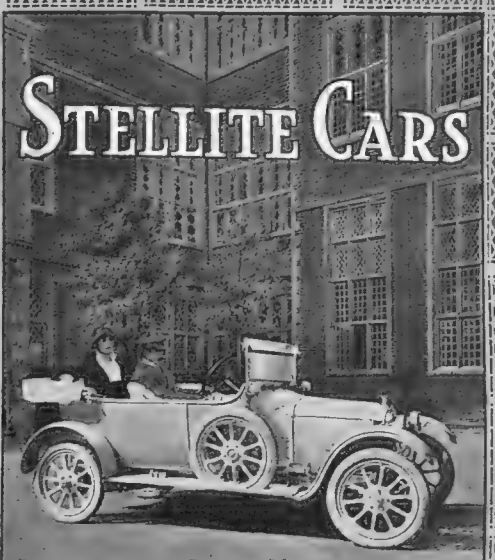

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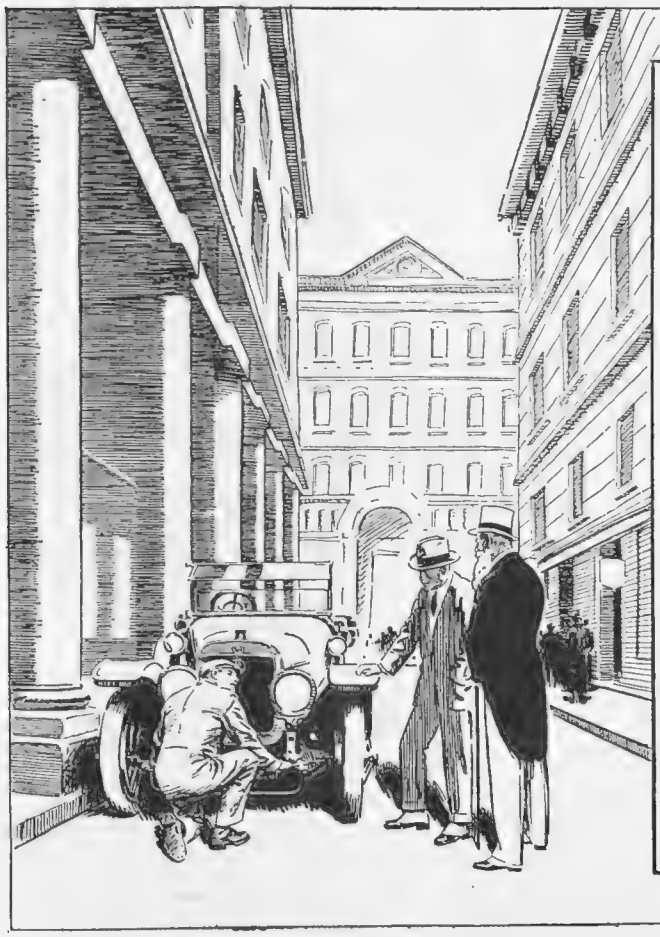

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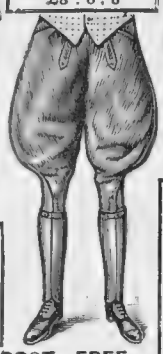

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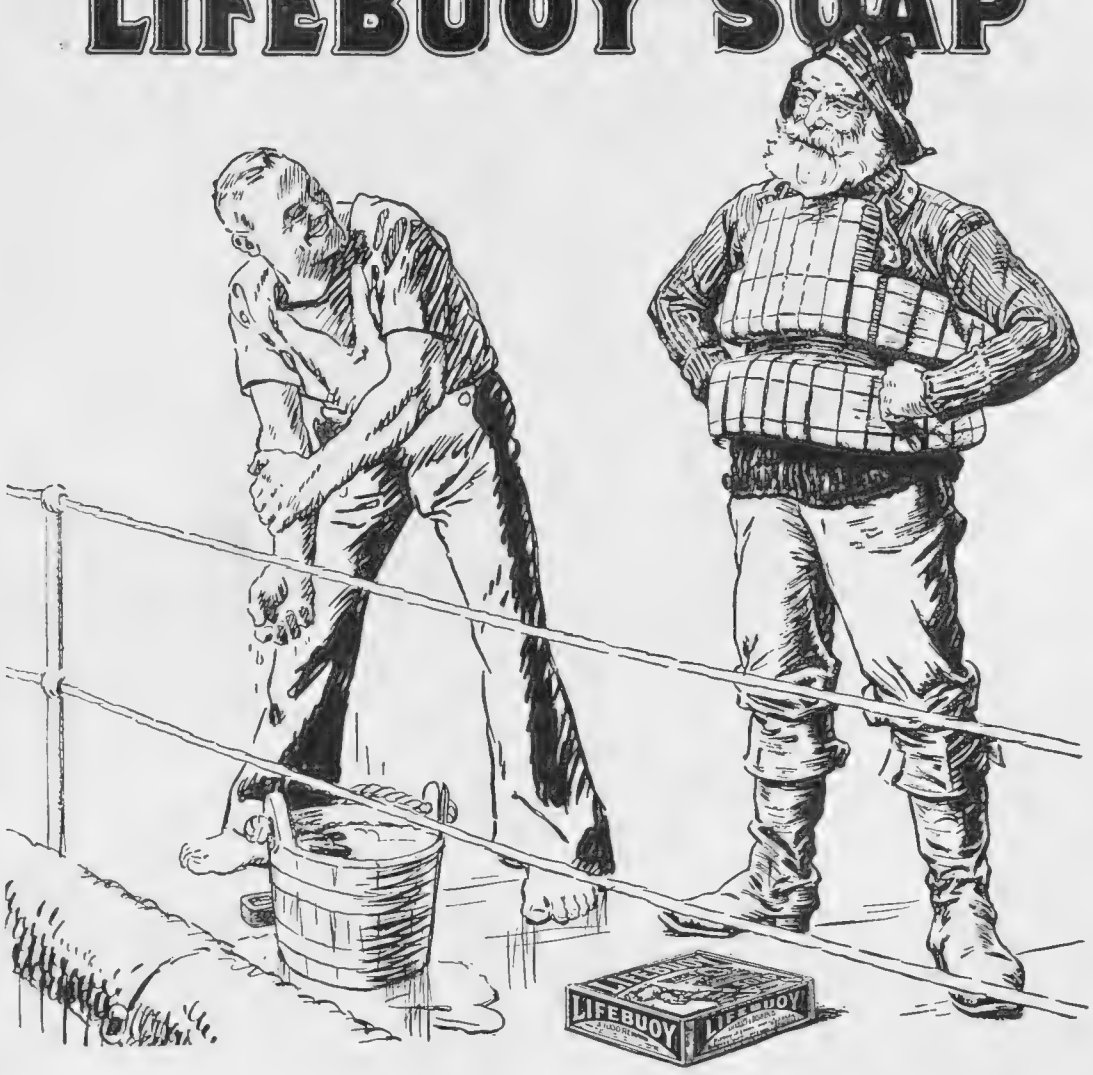

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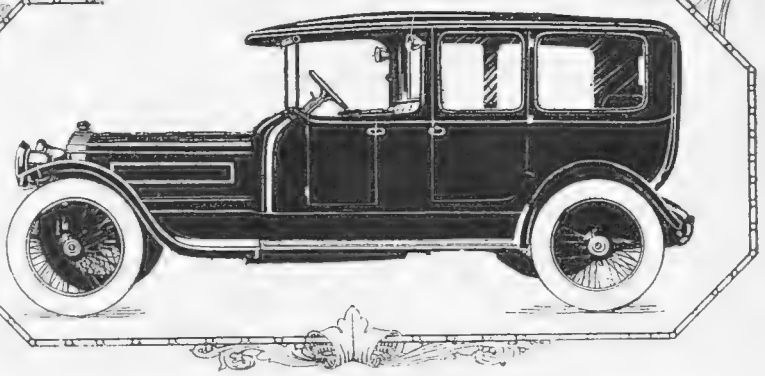

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WRINKLES.

"Margot," "Only Thirty," and "Not Too Old At Forty" have all written me this morning on the subject of wrinkles. Now it is not often that I have three readers asking the same question by the same post, so my chat this week will be all about these arch enemies of woman. I know that I can help every reader who suffers from these afflictions, for I have given three whole years to the study, and have at last reached the result—how to remove all lines and wrinkles entirely and permanently by a safe and sure method, which only involves a few minutes at night devoted to the cure.

It is a perfectly new and novel method, introduced from the Land of the Rising Sun, and has nothing in common with the old-fashioned and perfectly useless "treatments" to which our beauty doctors here have pinned their faith for so long. These as we all know, were massage, which stretched the skin and made the trouble worse; skin foods, which often induced the growth of superfluous hair; lotions, which dried and made the skin look withered and old, and the worthless old-fashioned plasters. Space does not permit a fuller description of the Miyako Japanese method here, so I am sending all particulars privately to my three correspondents, and if any other reader would like the same please write, enclosing stamp for reply, to "Jeannette" (Suite 75a), St. George's House, Regent Street, London, W.

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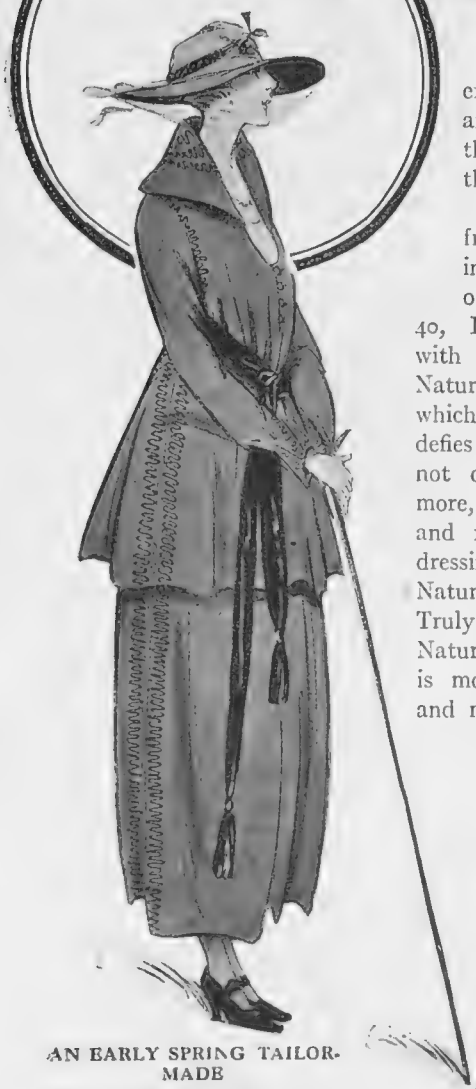
BY MRS. JACK MAY



AN EARLY SPRING TAILOR-MADE
With a suspicion of the "barrel" silhouette

"La Naturelle"

No one at this date questions the vastly important part played by the *coiffure*, not only in presenting a pleasing appearance, but, at the same time, indicating every subtle move of *La Mode*. A *démodé* head is every bit as tale-telling as a *démodé* gown; nor does it matter how adorable a hat may be in expression, unless the hair is dressed to fall in with the approved silhouette it entirely fails to strike the right sympathetic note—a fact, *chères mesdames*, although possibly not an agreeable one when your hair chances to be thin, unmanageable, or ugly, as is so often the case. The present style of dressing, which includes a parting, is singularly trying under such conditions, and in spite of the greatest care, trouble, and time expended on waving, poufing, and pinning natural tresses, the results are frequently anything but happy.

But where Nature so frequently fails Art steps in, in the person of M. Georges, of the Maison Georges, 40, Buckingham Palace Road, with his simply marvellous "La Naturelle," a *postiche* triumph which even on the closest scrutiny defies detection. The hair grows not only naturally, but what is more, with becoming luxuriance, and no matter what form the dressing is required to take, "La Naturelle" can be so arranged. Truly a wonderful invention! "La Naturelle" *is* Nature. And, what is more, Nature at its very best and most attractive.

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M. Georges is pleased to consider the *Times* system of monthly payments for clients who prefer it, his

"LA NATURELLE"
A "postiche" triumph at the Maison Georges

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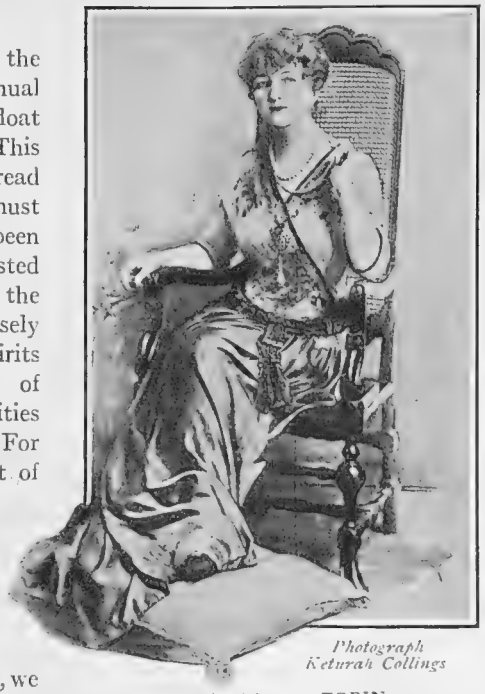
lowest charge for this amazing "La Naturelle" being 4 guineas, which really represents quite extraordinary *bon marché*, taking into due account the supreme quality of the hair and the exquisite manipulation employed throughout.

The New Silhouette

Always close on the heels of the sales, and even ere these annual events close, rumours get afloat anent the new spring *ligne*. This year, of course, as all who read their daily press diligently must be aware, a small storm has been set up respecting the suggested barrel-shaped skirt. Perhaps the name has not been very wisely chosen, and imaginative spirits have conjured up all sorts of extremes and ugly eccentricities which will never materialise. For we have yet to get the verdict of Paris—and that, after all, is what really matters the world over in dress affairs—whether the so-called barrel skirt is going to please the large majority. In my private opinion, for what that is worth, we shall in all likelihood adopt a line that spreads out from the waist to the lower hip and then converges inwards, or, at any rate, suggests that effect by contrast.



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That any woman in her sober senses is going to "hobble" is unthinkable. Until the war is over we have not time, even if the pose were pleasing, which it most certainly is not. But we have touched the limit of the skirt disposed to crinoline and also the one of curtailed inches. My tongue and pen alike crave to lash the girls who still imagine a display of calf clad in thin silk hose makes for *chic* and charm.

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For some occult reason far beyond my ken there is promised an influx of jersey cloth for the coming season. It is said that in varying weights this material will lead throughout the spring and summer, largely displacing, in the latter season, the hitherto inevitable cottons. So far as I can make out, jersey cloth is a loosely woven woollen, and the range of new season's colourings is said to be quite lovely, particularly the pastel tints.

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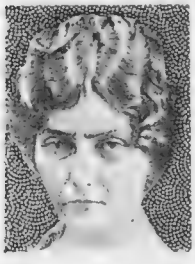

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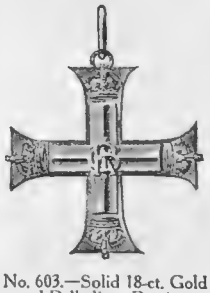

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accept as a text the original design pictured. This shows the new skirt that just hints the barrel silhouette, and a jumper, the whole carried out in wine-red jersey cloth, embroidered with fine *soutache* in tone. The application of this embroidery is very telling, the first indication one gets of it occurring in a narrow line round the armhole, that gradually widens out beneath and is carried down to the hem of the skirt. The collar, it will be noted, is of daring character, a loosely tied girdle of *charmeuse* vaguely locating a waist.

The Arrival of Trains

They have had an uphill task, poor things, to assert their presence and their elegance once again; but the thin end of the wedge is in. Trains cut in one with the rest of the skirt, really an integral part, their length gradually developing at the hem, as in the good old times, are being quietly insisted upon by women of comely proportions, who have borne with saintly resignation skirts of ankle length minus the dignified *arrière* appendage. I met the other night a black velvet evening toilette, the skirt of which was gathered at the waist, and after a suggestion of an outstanding effect at the base of the hips—obviously secured by some slight inner *balayeuse*—fell to the ground in a straight line, quite an appreciable train putting in an appearance at the back. The corsage was crossed back and front, and would have been a little severe and hard save for a *soupçon* of drapery, while the sleeves were delicious wing affairs of black *tulle* flecked with gold, that were caught up in little wing draperies at the back of the arms. It was essentially a picture frock, but the wearer was decidedly *chic*, and one quickly realised the *début* of an old-time elegance.

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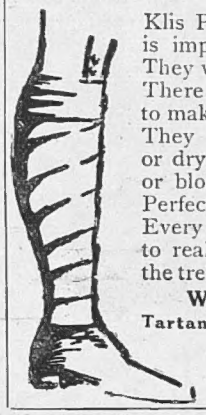

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A Stuffed Haddock

A fresh haddock about 2 lb. does well for this way of cooking. Lay the fish in cold salted water for half an hour. Dry it in a cloth, stuff it with forcemeat, sew it up, brush it over with egg, and cover with breadcrumbs. Lay it in a well-greased baking-tin, and baste the fish frequently. It will take from three-quarters to an hour, according to the size. Serve with a good brown sauce.

FORCEMEAT.—1 oz. of butter or margarine, 1 oz. of suet, ½ lb. of breadcrumbs, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, one egg, salt and pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg.

Cod au Gratin

Remove the skin and bones from some cooked cod. Butter a pie-dish, and have ready a rich white sauce, in which some grated cheese has been stirred; place in the dish alternate layers of fish and hard-boiled eggs cut in slices, season to taste, and pour the sauce over. Then sprinkle thickly with white breadcrumbs, grated cheese, and small pieces of butter. Bake in a good oven until the breadcrumbs are a golden colour, and serve.

Stewed Oysters

Put 2 oz. of butter in an earthenware saucepan, and as soon as it has melted add one dozen oysters with their liquor. Dredge over them a little flour and half a cupful of white stock (or milk), the juice of half a lemon, half a teaspoonful of salt, and a little cayenne. Shake the pan over the fire until the sauce is smooth and thick. Serve on toast.

FISH COOKERY

Fried Sprats

Clean the sprats, dry them well, dredge them with flour, and run a skewer through the heads of about half a dozen. Fry them on the skewer in plenty of hot fat, and when they are nicely browned lift them on to a hot plate. Cover with blotting paper for the fat to drain. Have a fish paper ready on a hot dish, draw the skewers from the sprats, place them upon it, and garnish the fish with parsley and lemon. Time to fry, two or three minutes.

Cod's Roe Cutlets

Procure a large roe and boil it slowly for half an hour, putting into the water a tablespoonful of vinegar and some salt; when cooked let it remain till cold. Peel off the skin, cut into slices half an inch thick, and trim to a neat shape. Brush the slices over with egg, cover with breadcrumbs, and fry in boiling fat to a golden colour. Garnish with a little chopped parsley and slices of lemon, and serve anchovy or cheese sauce. N.B.—Egg-powder mixed with water to the consistency of beaten egg answers quite as well as the latter for brushing over fish, cutlets, etc., and it is wise to keep a tin of it in every store cupboard now that eggs are so expensive.

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